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Oregon running back LaMichael James & wide receiver Jeff Maehl

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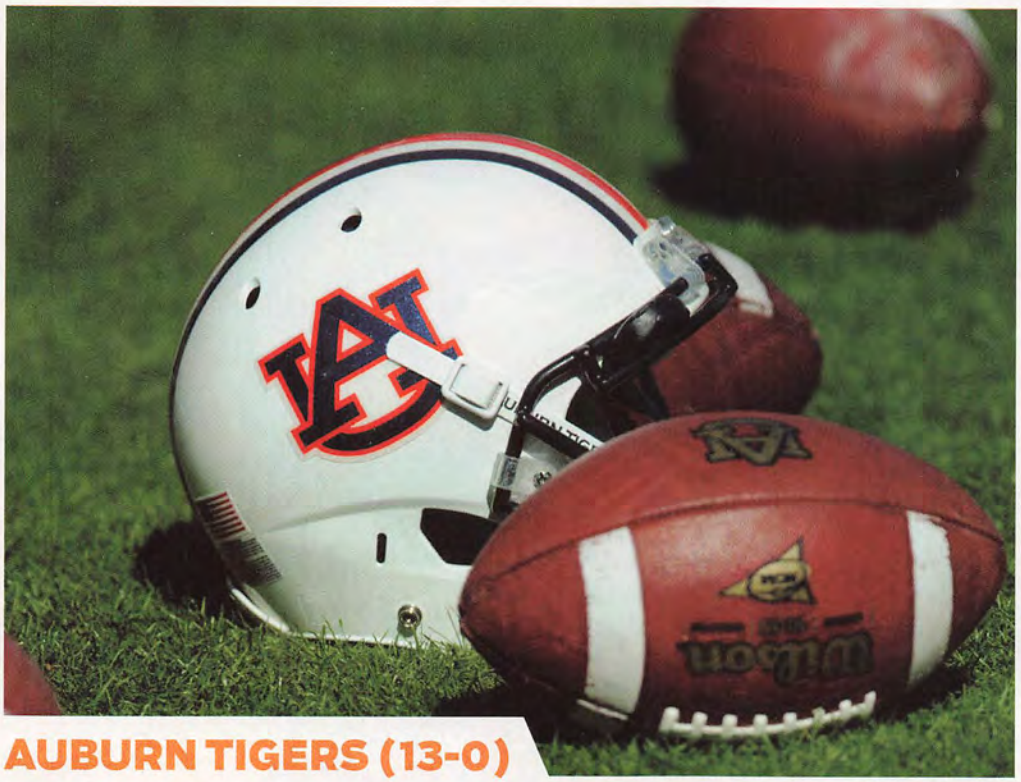
Oregon Ducks vs. Auburn Tigers

Where: Glendale, Arizona
When: January 10, 2011
Time: 8:30 p.m. ET **TV:** ESPN



AUBURN TIGERS (13-0)

Season rewind

Broken records. Star quarterback. Come-from-behind wins. Relive the Tigers' roller-coaster season in a game-by-game look at their journey to the BCS national championship game.

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Key Players

A top-10 team in rushing, scoring, and total offense and passing efficiency, Auburn is made up of many talented players. Check out which Tigers made the grade.

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NOT SO CIVIL: Oregon running back LaMichael James reacts after a touchdown against Oregon State.
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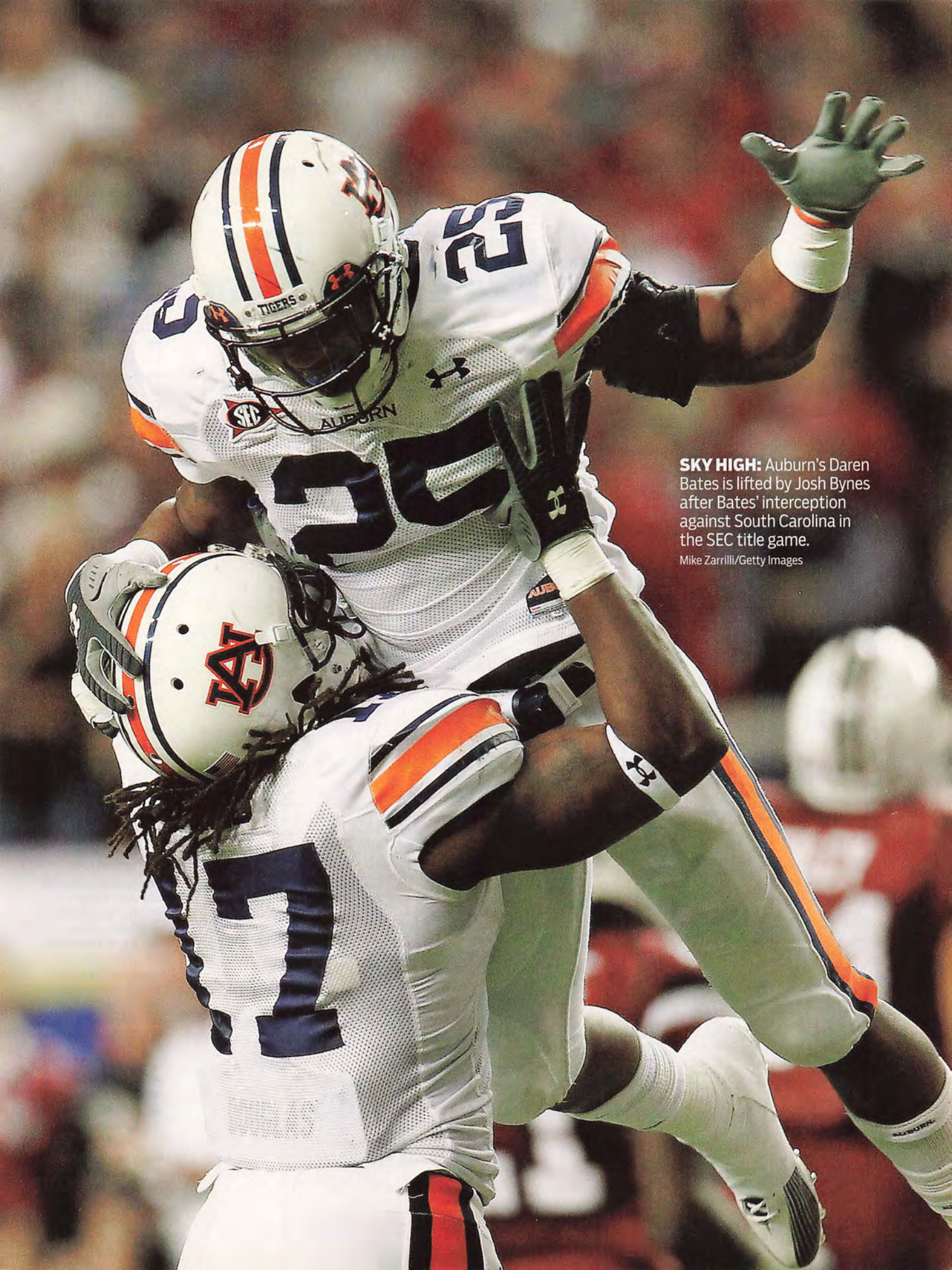


SKY HIGH: Auburn's Daren Bates is lifted by Josh Bynes after Bates' interception against South Carolina in the SEC title game.
Mike Zarrilli/Getty Images

TEAM STATS

OREGON OPPONENTS

THE ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
1	Marvin Johnson	DB	5-11	210	SR	Compton, CA
1	Darron Thomas	QB	6-3	212	SO	Houston, TX
2	Troy Hill	CB	5-11	165	FR	Ventura, CA
2	Dontae Williams	RB	5-11	207	FR	Houston, TX
3	Bryan Bennett	QB	6-2	183	FR	Encino, CA
3	Marcus Davis	CB	5-11	187	SO	League City, TX
4	Erick Dargan	CB	5-11	206	FR	Pittsburg, CA
4	Josh Huff	WR	5-11	201	FR	Houston, TX
5	Remene Alston Jr.	RB	5-8	200	SR	Greensboro, NC
6	Keanon Lowe	WR	5-9	173	FR	Portland, OR
6	Dior Mathis	CB	5-9	180	FR	Detroit, MI
7	Nate Costa	QB	6-1	210	SR	Hilmar, CA
7	Chad Peppars	DB	5-10	189	SR	Los Angeles, CA
8	Brian Butterfield	DB	6-0	183	SR	Sherwood, OR
9	Blake Cantu	WR	6-0	193	FR	Southlake, TX
10	D.J. Davis	WR	6-1	205	SR	Denver, CO
11	Eddie Pleasant	S	5-11	213	JR	La Palma, CA
12	Brian Jackson	CB	5-10	192	FR	Hoover, AL
13	Cliff Harris	CB	5-11	180	SO	Fresno, CA
14	Dustin Haines	QB	6-3	200	FR	Eugene, OR
14	Javes Lewis	CB	6-1	190	JR	Tustin, CA
15	Lache Seastrunk	RB	5-9	188	FR	Temple, TX
16	Daryle Hawkins	QB	6-4	192	FR	Omaha, NE
17	James Scales	CB	5-10	190	FR	Greensboro, NC
18	Anthony Gildon	CB	6-1	185	JR	Simi Valley, CA
19	Eric Dungy	WR	6-1	177	FR	Tampa, FL
20	John Boyett	S	5-10	198	SO	Napa, CA
21	LaMichael James	RB	5-9	185	SO	Texarkana, TX
22	Derrick Malone	CB	6-2	199	FR	Colton, CA
23	Jeff Maehl	WR	6-1	184	SR	Paradise, CA
24	Kenjon Barner	RB	5-11	180	SO	Riverside, CA
25	Boseko Lokombo	LB	6-3	223	FR	Atlantic City, NJ
26	Malachi Lewis	TE	6-4	216	SR	Oxnard, CA
27	Terrance Mitchell	CB	6-0	183	FR	Sacramento, CA
28	Scott Grady	CB	5-11	180	SO	Tigard, OR
30	Nick Cole	WR	6-3	195	FR	Concord, CA
31	Kenny Bassett	RB	5-9	175	FR	Bevery Hills, CA
31	Avery Patterson	CB	5-10	180	FR	Pittsburg, CA
32	J.R. Maffie	DB	5-11	197	FR	–
32	Andres Reed	RB	6-0	218	JR	Medford, OR
33	Ayele Forde	RB	5-7	175	FR	–
33	Tyrell Irvin	DE	6-2	231	SR	Denver, CO
35	Spencer Paysinger	LB	6-3	231	SR	Los Angeles, CA
36	Will Wallace	CB	5-10	189	JR	West Covina, CA
37	Anthony Blake	RB	5-10	190	SO	Portland, OR
37	Talmadge Jackson III	CB	5-10	188	SR	Murrieta, CA
38	Sam Doman	TE	6-4	228	JR	Canby, OR
38	Mike Garrity	LB	6-1	221	FR	San Carlos, CA
40	Blake Thompson	LB	5-11	230	JR	Cottage Grove, OR
41	Alejandro Maldonado	K	5-10	198	FR	Colton, CA
41	Blake Stanton	WR	5-11	216	FR	Los Angeles, CA
42	David Paulson	TE	6-4	241	JR	Auburn, WA
43	Bryson Littlejohn	LB	6-1	225	SR	Elk Grove, CA
44	Brandon Hanna	DE	6-2	234	JR	Kootenai, ID
45	Terrell Turner	DE	6-3	261	JR	Los Angeles, CA
46	Michael Clay	LB	5-11	225	SO	San Jose, CA
47	Kiko Alonso	LB	6-4	225	FR	Los Gatos, CA
48	Eric Solis	K	5-10	182	FR	Sherman Oaks, CA
49	Jackson Rice	P	6-3	220	SO	Moraga, CA
50	Drew Howell	C	6-2	217	FR	Tehachapi, CA
51	Isaac Ava	LB	5-10	251	FR	Honolulu, HI
52	Hroniss Grasu	OL	6-3	274	FR	Encino, CA
53	Dewitt Stuckey	LB	5-11	221	JR	Stockton, CA
54	Jordan Holmes	OL	6-5	300	SR	Yuba City, CA
55	Casey Matthews	LB	6-2	235	SR	Agoura Hills, CA
56	Josh Kaddu	LB	6-3	235	JR	Vacaville, CA
57	Trevor Fox	OL	6-5	290	FR	Temecula, CA
57	Keloni Kamalani	LB	5-11	209	FR	Kihei, HI
58	Kenny Rowe	DE	6-3	232	SR	Long Beach, CA
59	Jeff Palmer	C	5-10	199	SO	Dana Point, CA
59	Grant Thompson	LB	5-11	213	FR	Cottage Grove, OR
60	Ryan Clanton	OL	6-4	294	JR	Bakersfield, CA
60	Ryan Hagen	DT	6-3	284	FR	Brea, CA
61	Nick Cody	OL	6-5	296	SO	Brush Prairie, WA
62	Nick Musgrove	DE	6-1	228	JR	Eugene, OR
63	Mana Greig	OL	5-11	291	FR	Kailua, HI
64	Max Forer	OL	6-3	267	SR	Santa Monica, CA
64	Jennings Stewart	LB	6-3	211	SO	Grants Pass, OR
65	Isaac Remington	DT	6-6	262	JR	Queen Creek, AZ
66	Taylor Hart	DT	6-6	262	FR	Tualatin, OR
67	Josh Sanford	OL	6-2	276	FR	–
68	C.E. Kaiser	OL	6-4	290	SR	Veradale, WA
69	Bo Thran	OL	6-5	281	SR	Gresham, OR
70	Ramsen Golpashin	OL	6-4	275	JR	Saugus, CA
71	Everett Benyard	OL	6-7	315	FR	San Diego, CA
72	Nick Rowland	OL	6-4	314	FR	Peoria, AZ
73	Brenton Spickerman	OL	6-6	266	FR	West Linn, OR
74	Darrion Weems	OL	6-5	292	JR	Winnetka, CA
75	Jamaal Burrell	OL	6-4	306	FR	Fontana, CA
77	Carson York	OL	6-5	286	SO	Kootenai, ID
78	Karrington Armstrong	OL	6-2	283	FR	Reno, NV
79	Mark Asper	OL	6-7	322	JR	Idaho Falls, ID
80	Lavasier Tuinei	WR	6-5	206	JR	Arcadia, IN
81	Justin Hoffman	WR	6-1	201	SO	Eugene, OR
83	Curtis White	TE	6-4	250	FR	Eugene, OR
84	Chad Delaney	WR	6-0	179	FR	Elmira, OR
85	Anthony Anderson	DE	6-5	233	FR	Spring Valley, CA
86	Brian Teague	TE	6-3	246	FR	Portland, OR
87	Brandon Williams	TE	6-4	237	JR	Merrionette Park, IL
88	Brandon Bair	DT	6-7	272	SR	Saint Anthony, ID
89	Brandon Swepson	WR	6-2	190	FR	–
90	Ricky Heimuli	DT	6-4	318	FR	Glendale, UT
90	Will Murphy	WR	6-2	176	SO	Albany, OR
91	Dane Ebanez	WR	5-9	177	FR	–
91	Tony Washington	DE	6-3	245	FR	Rancho Cucamongo, CA
92	Ben Butterfield	WR	6-0	180	FR	Sherwood, OR
92	Wade Keliikipi	DT	6-2	289	FR	Waianae, HI
93	Rob Beard	K	6-0	218	SO	Fullerton, CA
93	David Kafovalu	DL	6-3	250	FR	Riverside, CA
94	Axel McQuaw	DT	6-6	275	SO	–
94	Blake Tillis	WR	6-0	175	SO	La Verne, CA
95	Brandon Tett	DE	6-0	298	SR	Gresham, OR
96	Dion Jordan	DE	6-7	230	SO	Chandler, AZ
97	Clint Sager	TE	6-3	237	FR	Grants Pass, OR
97	Jonathan Witz	DL	6-3	240	FR	–
98	Steve Adams	DT	6-5	275	FR	Medford, OR
98	Dallen Voeller	WR	6-3	225	FR	West Linn, OR
99	Zac Clark	DT	6-2	270	SR	Wichita, KS

DEPTH CHART

Quarterback
1 Darron Thomas
3 Bryan Bennett

Running back
21 LaMichael James
24 Kenjon Barner

Wide receiver
23 Jeff Maehl
9 Blake Cantu

Wide receiver
80 Lavasier Tuinei
4 Josh Huff

Wide receiver
10 D.J. Davis
81 Justin Hoffman

Tight end
42 David Paulson
87 Brandon Williams

Left tackle
69 Bo Thran
61 Nick Cody

Left guard
77 Carson York
63 Mana Greig

Center
54 Jordan Holmes
64 Max Forer

Right guard
68 C.E. Kaiser
70 Ramsen Golpashin

Right tackle
79 Mark Asper
74 Darrion Weems

Defensive end
45 Terrell Turner
96 Dion Jordan

Defensive tackle
88 Brandon Bair
66 Taylor Hart

Defensive tackle
99 Zac Clark
92 Wade Keliikipi

Defensive end
58 Kenny Rowe
44 Brandon Hanna

Strongside linebacker
56 Josh Kaddu
25 Boseko Lokombo

Middle linebacker
55 Casey Matthews
43 Bryson Littlejohn

Weakside linebacker
35 Spencer Paysinger
46 Michael Clay

Left cornerback
18 Anthony Gildon
13 Cliff Harris

Free Safety
20 John Boyett
14 Javes Lewis

Rover
11 Eddie Pleasant
1 Marvin Johnson

Right cornerback
37 Talmadge Jackson III
7 Chad Peppars

* bold indicates starter

DEPTH CHART

Quarterback
2 Cam Newton
14 Barrett Trotter

Running back
5 Michael Dyer
27 Mario Fannin

H-back
43 Philip Lutzenkirchen
32 Eric Smith

Wide receiver
18 Kodi Burns
80 Emory Blake

Wide receiver
81 Terrell Zachery
9 Quindarius Carr

Wide receiver
89 Darvin Adams
87 Derek Winter

Left tackle
73 Lee Ziemba
75 Brandon Mosley

Left guard
66 Mike Berry
53 Bart Eddins

Center
50 Ryan Pugh
63 Blake Burgess

Right guard
57 Byron Isom
76 Jorrell Bostrom

Right tackle
75 Brandon Mosley
71 John Sullen

Left defensive end
45 Antoine Carter
55 Corey Lemonier

Defensive tackle
98 Zach Clayton
54 Jeffrey Whitaker

Defensive tackle
90 Nick Fairley
93 Mike Blanc

Right defensive end
94 Nosa Eguae
49 Michael Goggans

Left outside linebacker
46 Craig Stevens
21 Eltoro Freeman

Middle linebacker
17 Josh Bynes
5 Jake Holland

Right outside linebacker
25 Daren Bates
33 Jessel Curry

Left cornerback
14 Demond Washington
22 T'Sharvan Bell

Safety
4 Zac Etheridge
16 Ikeem Means

Safety
26 Mike McNeil
12 Demetruce McNeal

Right cornerback
15 Neiko Thorpe
11 Chris Davis

* bold indicates starter

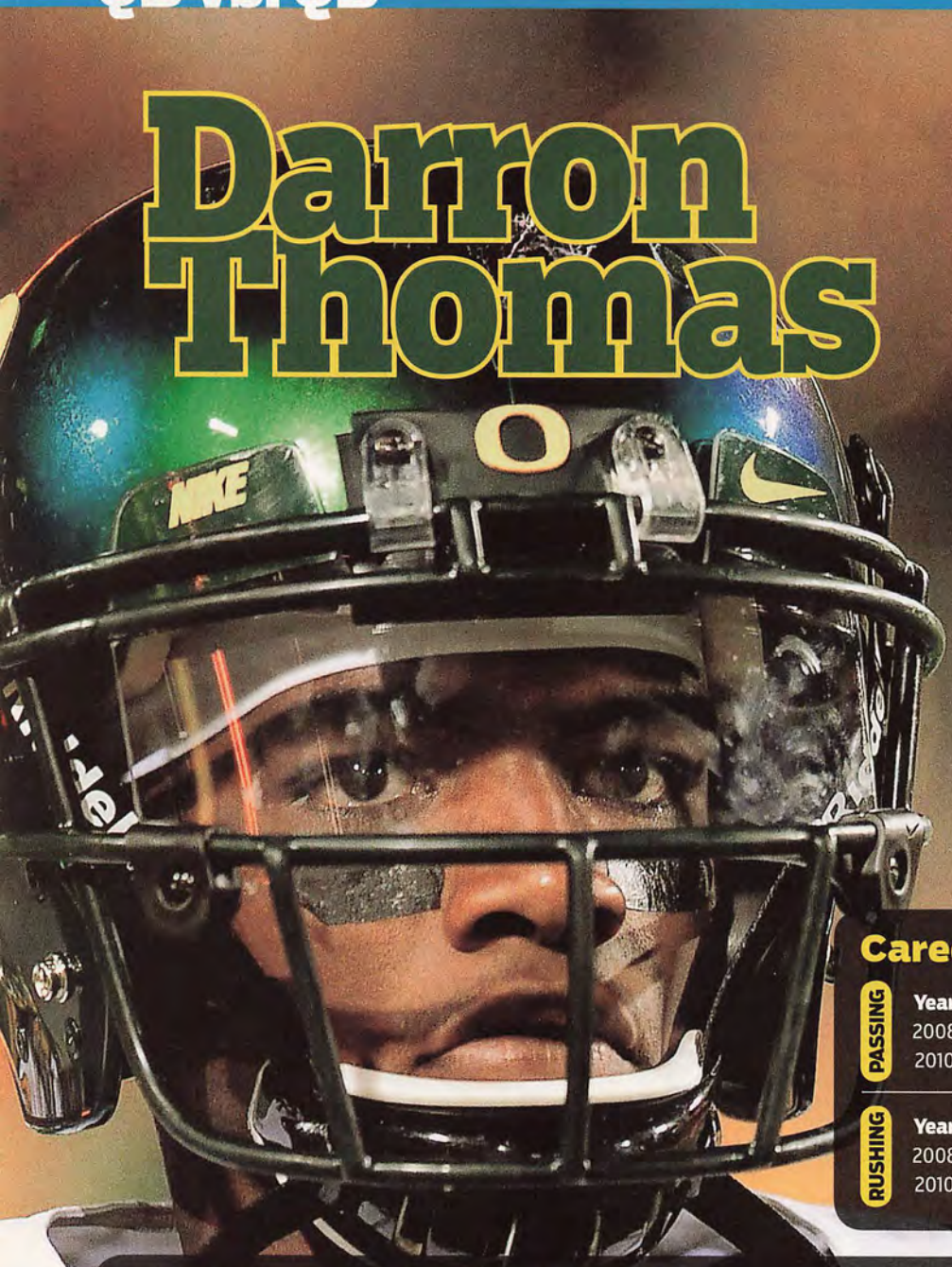
TEAM STATS ■ AUBURN ■ OPPONENTS

THE ROSTER

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
1	Trovon Reed	WR	6-0	181	FR	Thibodaux, LA
2	Cameron Newton	QB	6-6	250	JR	College Park, GA
2	Aairon Savage	CB	5-11	200	SR	Albany, GA
3	DeAngelo Benton	WR	6-2	201	SO	Bastrop, LA
4	Zac Etheridge	S	6-0	213	SR	Troy, AL
4	Shaun Kitchens	WR	6-3	217	FR	College Park, GA
5	Michael Dyer	RB	5-9	215	FR	Little Rock, AR
5	Jake Holland	LB	6-0	231	FR	Pelham, AL
6	Antonio Goodwin	WR	6-1	173	FR	Atlanta, GA
6	Jonathon Mincy	S	5-10	180	FR	Decatur, GA
8	Anthony Morgan	CB	5-9	185	SO	Brantley, AL
9	Quindarius Carr	WR	6-1	186	JR	Huntsville, AL
9	Ryan White	CB	5-10	186	FR	Tallahassee, FL
10	LaDarius Owens	LB	6-2	236	FR	Bessemer, AL
11	Chris Davis	CB	5-10	182	FR	Birmingham, AL
11	Mike Slade	CB	6-3	190	JR	Tallahassee, FL
12	Demetruce McNeal	CB	6-1	176	FR	College Park, GA
13	Craig Sanders	DE	6-4	248	FR	Clio, AL
14	Barrett Trotter	QB	6-2	211	SO	Birmingham, AL
14	Demond Washington	CB	5-9	182	SR	Tallassee, AL
15	Clint Moseley	QB	6-3	223	FR	Leroy, AL
15	Neiko Thorpe	CB	6-2	186	JR	Tucker, GA
16	Ikeem Means	CB	6-0	204	SO	Wetumpka, AL
17	Josh Bynes	LB	6-2	235	SR	Lauderdale Lakes, FL
17	Ryan Shoemaker	P	6-0	177	SR	Birmingham, AL
18	Kodi Burns	WR	6-2	207	SR	Fort Smith, AR
18	Wes Byrum	K	6-2	216	SR	Fort Lauderdale, FL
19	Neil Caudle	QB	6-3	198	SR	Hoover, AL
20	Drew Cole	CB	5-11	190	JR	Picayune, MS
21	Eltoro Freeman	LB	5-11	225	JR	Alexander City, AL
22	T'Sharvan Bell	CB	6-0	180	SO	Kissimmee, FL
23	Sam Brown	WR	6-1	202	JR	Birmingham, AL
23	Onterio McCalebb	RB	5-10	171	SO	Fort Meade, FL
24	Ryan Smith	S	6-1	183	FR	Cordova, AL
25	Daren Bates	LB	5-11	203	SO	Memphis, TN
26	Mike McNeil	S	6-2	208	JR	Mobile, AL
27	Mario Fannin	RB	5-11	228	SR	Hampton, GA
28	Wade Christopher	LB	6-1	223	JR	Vestavia Hills, AL
28	Anderson Mack	WR	5-11	185	FR	Atlanta, GA
29	Chandler Brooks	K	6-0	180	JR	Huntsville, AL
29	Xavier Brown	WR	6-2	198	FR	Pensacola, FL
30	Twun Bonner	CB	5-10	180	FR	Adamsville, AL
30	Steven Clark	P	6-5	232	FR	Kansas City, MO
31	Trent Fisher	CB	6-0	184	FR	Nashville, TN
32	Eric Smith	RB	5-10	240	JR	Seffner, FL
33	Jessel Curry	LB	6-1	214	FR	Buford, GA
35	Jonathan Evans	LB	5-11	230	SO	Prichard, AL
35	Jacob Kerby	FB	6-1	222	FR	Demopolis, AL
35	Dimitri Reese	WR	5-10	160	FR	Birmingham, AL
36	Cody Parkey	K	6-0	184	FR	Jupiter, FL
37	Ladarious Phillips	FB	6-0	291	FR	Roanoke, AL
38	Jawara White	LB	6-1	243	FR	Troy, AL
39	Ralph Spry	WR	5-10	173	JR	Auburn, AL
40	Chris Humphries	LB	6-2	224	SO	Somerville, AL
40	Chris Otersen	TE	6-3	212	JR	Springfield, VA
40	Jordan Spriggs	DB	5-9	168	FR	Mobile, AL
41	Robert Cooper	TE	6-4	226	FR	Mobile, AL
42	Philip Pierre-Louis	WR	5-8	150	SO	Fort Lauderdale, FL
43	Philip Lutzenkirchen	TE	6-4	258	SO	Marietta, GA
44	Patrick Lymon	RB	5-10	176	FR	Harvest, AL
45	Antoine Carter	DE	6-4	256	SR	Fort Lauderdale, FL
45	Davis Hooper	RB	6-0	207	JR	Montgomery, AL
46	Craig Stevens	LB	6-3	229	SR	Tallahassee, FL
47	Joey Caldwell	LB	6-1	226	SO	Five Points, AL
47	Nathan Taylor	WR	5-10	188	SR	Fredericksburg, VA
48	Dakota Mosley	TE	6-4	259	FR	Little Rock, AR
48	Woody Parramore	CB	5-8	183	SR	Montgomery, AL
49	Michael Goggans	DE	6-3	261	SR	Alexander City, AL
50	Ryan Pugh	OL	6-4	297	SR	Hoover, AL
51	Watson Downs	LB	6-0	215	SO	Dothan, AL
52	Justin Delaine	DE	6-5	232	FR	Linden, AL
53	Bart Eddins	OL	6-4	304	SR	Montgomery, AL
54	Jeffrey Whitaker	DT	6-3	308	FR	Warner Robins, GA
55	Corey Lemonier	DE	6-4	227	FR	Hialeah, FL
56	Ashton Richardson	LB	6-0	190	JR	New Orleans, LA
57	Byron Isom	OL	6-3	302	SR	Jonesboro, GA
58	Harris Gaston	LB	6-1	231	SO	Birmingham, AL
59	Patrick Butler	LB	6-0	244	SR	Columbus, GA
60	Eric Mack	OL	6-3	361	FR	Saint Matthews, SC
61	Josh Harris	LS	6-1	230	JR	Carrollton, GA
61	Donnie Riggins	OL	6-8	275	SO	Wetumpka, AL
62	Chad Slade	OL	6-5	316	FR	Moody, AL
63	Blake Burgess	OL	6-2	278	FR	Vestavia Hills, AL
64	Forrest Hill	LS	6-1	238	FR	Morrow, GA
64	Chase Seals	OL	6-7	300	FR	Auburn, AL
65	Tunde Fariyike	OL	6-2	330	FR	Thomaston, GA
65	Jake Lembke	LS	6-0	234	FR	New Lenox, IL
66	Mike Berry	OL	6-3	316	SR	Antioch, TN
67	Bobby Ingalis	OL	6-7	320	JR	Gardendale, AL
68	Ed Christian	OL	6-4	277	FR	Valdosta, GA
69	Ryan Preston	OL	6-1	278	FR	Oxford, AL
70	Andre Harris	OL	6-3	318	FR	Lovejoy, GA
71	John Sullen	OL	6-6	312	SO	Auburn, AL
72	Andrew Parmer	OL	5-10	267	SO	Dalton, GA
73	Lee Ziemba	OL	6-8	319	SR	Rogers, AR
74	Jamar Travis	DT	6-0	288	SO	Brewton, AL
75	Brandon Mosley	OL	6-6	299	JR	Jefferson, GA
76	Jorrell Bostrom	OL	6-3	322	SR	Nampa, ID
77	A.J. Greene	OL	6-5	291	JR	Madison, TN
78	Roszell Gayden	OL	6-6	315	JR	New Hope, MN
79	Jared Cooper	OL	6-4	300	JR	Brewton, AL
80	Emory Blake	WR	6-1	192	SO	Austin, TX
81	Terrell Zachery	WR	6-1	210	SR	Wadley, AL
82	Jay Wisner	WR	6-2	190	SR	Bozeman, MT
83	Cameron Groce	TE	6-3	213	FR	Gardendale, AL
84	Codey Frederick	WR	6-4	186	FR	Hamilton, AL
85	Travante Stallworth	WR	5-9	188	SO	Leesville, LA
86	Bradley Seals	TE	6-4	266	SO	Moody, AL
87	Derek Winter	WR	6-0	208	JR	Tampa, FL
89	Darvin Adams	WR	6-3	185	JR	Kennesaw, GA
90	Nick Fairley	DT	6-5	298	JR	Mobile, AL
91	Joel Bonomolo	DE	6-3	245	JR	Metairie, LA
92	Kenneth Carter	DT	6-5	281	FR	Greenville, AL
93	Mike Blanc	DT	6-4	297	SR	Pompano Beach, FL
94	Nosa Eguae	DE	6-2	258	FR	Mansfield, TX
95	Dee Ford	DE	6-4	240	SO	Odenville, AL
97	Derrick Lykes	DT	6-2	286	SO	Clanton, AL
98	Zach Clayton	DT	6-3	296	SR	Opelika, AL

Team stats based on data through Dec. 3

Darron Thomas



Thomas is an athletic dual-threat quarterback who earned the starting job after incumbent Jeremiah Masoli was suspended.

After earning emergency playing time as a true freshman in 2008 Thomas redshirted in 2009. His first collegiate start, the 2010 season opener, saw Oregon pound New Mexico 72-0.

Thomas is considered a good pocket passer who is willing to allow a play to develop instead of scrambling automatically. He lacks Masoli's physical running style but is almost as dangerous with his feet. And he's earned kudos for his improvement over the course of the season.and steady decision-making.

Career Stats

PASSING

Year	Team	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
2008	ORE	16	33	268	3	1
2010	ORE	195	321	2518	28	7

RUSHING

Year	Team	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
2008	ORE	13	27	2.1	12	1
2010	ORE	85	492	5.8	35	5

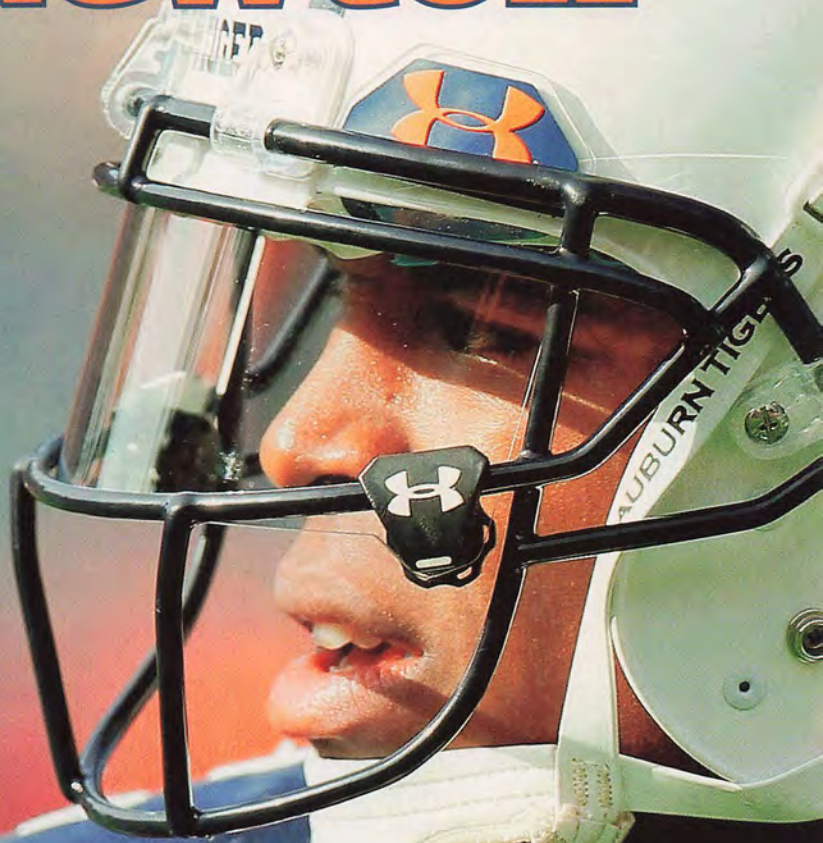
2010 Regular Season Game Log

			PASSING						RUSHING				
Date	Opponent	Result	CMP	ATT	YDS	LNG	TD	INT	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
9/4	New Mexico	W 72-0	13	23	220	60	2	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/11	@Tennessee	W 48-13	17	32	202	29	2	0	7	34	4.9	17	0
9/18	Portland State	W 69-0	9	18	140	47	4	1	8	50	6.3	35	0
9/25	@Arizona State	W 42-31	19	33	260	61	2	1	4	18	4.5	7	1
10/2	Stanford	W 52-31	20	29	238	41	3	2	15	117	7.8	22	1
10/9	@Washington State	W 43-23	9	13	171	84	1	0	3	2	0.7	9	0
10/21	UCLA	W 60-13	22	31	308	42	3	0	5	48	9.6	22	0
10/30	@USC	W 53-32	19	32	288	57	4	1	8	42	5.3	21	0
11/6	Washington	W 53-16	24	33	243	38	1	0	12	89	7.4	34	2
11/13	@California	W 15-13	15	29	155	29	1	0	16	34	2.1	11	0
11/26	Arizona	W 48-29	14	24	148	38	3	1	6	62	10.3	24	1
12/4	@Oregon State	W 37-20	14	24	145	26	2	0	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

Cameron Newton

All he does is win. At Florida, Newton backed up eventual Heisman trophy winner Tim Tebow in 2007 and was a medical redshirt during the Gators' 2008 national championship. In 2009 he led Blinn College to the national junior college championship. And in 2010, in a series of tough matchups and startling comebacks, he's led Auburn to an undefeated regular season.

Newton is a beast running the ball and an accurate, savvy, strong-armed pocket passer. He is the heavy favorite to win the Heisman trophy and in just one year he's left a dent in the Auburn and SEC record books.



Career Stats

PASSING

Year	Team	CMP	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
2007	FLA	5	10	40	0	0
2008	FLA	1	2	14	0	0
2010	AUB	165	246	2589	28	6

RUSHING

Year	Team	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
2007	FLA	16	103	6.4	24	3
2008	FLA	5	10	2.0	12	1
2010	AUB	242	1409	5.8	71	20

2010 Regular Season Game Log

			PASSING						RUSHING				
Date	Opponent	Result	CMP	ATT	YDS	LNG	TD	INT	ATT	YDS	AVG	LNG	TD
9/4	Arkansas State	W 52-26	9	14	186	48	3	0	15	171	11.4	71	2
9/9	@Mississippi State	W 17-14	11	19	136	39	2	1	18	70	3.9	17	0
9/18	Clemson	W 27-24	7	14	203	78	2	2	17	68	4.0	16	0
9/25	South Carolina	W 35-27	16	21	158	20	2	0	25	176	7.0	54	3
10/2	Louisiana-Monroe	W 52-3	14	19	245	94	3	1	1	-11	-11.0	0	0
10/9	@Kentucky	W 37-34	13	21	210	39	0	1	28	198	7.1	35	4
10/16	Arkansas	W 65-43	10	14	140	28	1	0	25	188	7.5	40	3
10/23	LSU	W 24-17	10	16	86	17	0	0	28	217	7.8	49	2
10/30	@Mississippi	W 51-31	18	24	209	28	2	0	11	45	4.1	17	0
11/6	Chattanooga	W 62-24	15	21	317	80	4	0	8	24	3.0	16	1
11/13	Georgia	W 49-31	12	15	148	26	2	1	30	151	5.0	31	2
11/26	@Alabama	W 28-27	13	20	216	70	3	0	22	39	1.8	12	1
12/4	@South Carolina	W 56-17	17	28	335	62	4	0	14	73	5.2	25	2

Gene Chizik

It's been a long road for the 48-year-old Chizik, who started his coaching career at the high school level before climbing through the collegiate ranks. Stops at Middle Tennessee and Central Florida were sandwiched around six years at Stephen F. Austin, an FCS-level school where Chizik got his first chance to call the plays on the defensive side.

His first job with a major program came in 2002, when Auburn hired him as defensive coordinator. His last season as Auburn's coordinator was 2004, when the Tiger's finished No. 2 in the final polls and Chizik won the Broyles Award as the nation's top coordinator.

After two years as the defensive coordinator at Texas, Chizik was ready for a head job. He accepted the head coach position at Iowa State—and struggled to turn around the program, going 5-19 in two years. Auburn, nevertheless, plucked him out of Ames as commentators snickered at the hiring. Two years later the move looks genius.

Coaching Record

Year	Team	W-L
2007	Iowa State	3-9
2008	Iowa State	2-10
2009	Auburn	8-5
2010	Auburn	13-0

Chip Kelly

A potent spread offense is Chip Kelly's calling card, but the offensive guru got his start on the defensive side of the ball. His first coaching job was as a defensive backs coach for Columbia in 1990. He was Johns Hopkins' defensive coordinator for one year, 1993, before he settled in at his alma mater, FCS-level New Hampshire, where he spent the next 13 seasons.

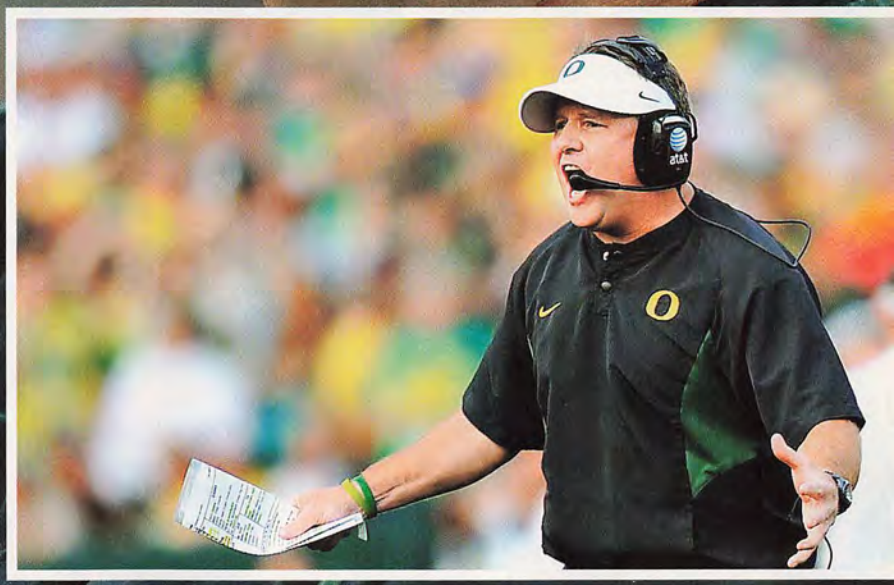
The high-powered spread didn't happen overnight. Kelly was running backs coach and then offensive line coach before taking over as offensive coordinator in 1999. Kelly didn't attract widespread attention until the 2004 and 2005 New Hampshire squads combined for a 21-5 record.

The call from Oregon came in 2007, and Kelly moved across the country to helm the Ducks' offense. In Kelly's two years as a Duck assistant the team continued its offensive barrage, with Dennis Dixon becoming a Heisman contender in 2007 and the 2008 team finishing second in the NCAA in rushing yards per game.

Longtime coach Mike Bellotti stepped down after the 2008 season and Kelly got his first chance at the big job. With a 22-3 record as head coach, the results so far have been spectacular.

Coaching Record

Year	Team	W-L
2009	Oregon	10-3
2010	Oregon	12-0



OREGON DUCKS
KEY PLAYERS

23 jeff MAEHL

Senior | Wide receiver

Maehl is Oregon's leading receiver, and it isn't close. He has almost twice as many receptions as anyone else. The last time Oregon played a game in which Maehl didn't make at least one catch: Sept. 27, 2008.

24 kenjon BARNER

Sophomore
Running back

Barner plays second fiddle to LaMichael James but is still a game-changer. He started and ended the regular season with 100-yard games and is an option on kick and punt returns. Like James, he's a smaller back with great speed.

21 lamichael JAMES

Sophomore
Running back

In two years at Oregon James has already rushed for over 3,000 yards. He's small but lightning fast, and combines big-play potential with reliability: He has rushed for at least 90 yards every game he has played this year.

1 darron THOMAS

Sophomore | Quarterback

The dual-threat QB won the starting job after redshirting in 2009. In his first collegiate start he led Oregon to a 72-0 victory. Thomas can run effectively but is also a capable passer, with 28 touchdowns through the air and only seven interceptions.

From left: Kirby Lee/US Presswire; Steve Dykes/Getty Images; Harry How/Getty Images; Jonathan Ferrey/Getty Images

58 kenny ROWE

Senior | Defensive end

An undersized defensive end who frequents opposing teams' backfields, Rowe leads the Ducks with 6 sacks. He's also able to drop into pass coverage, giving Oregon unusual flexibility and helping disguise coverages.

13 cliff HARRIS

Sophomore | Cornerback

Harris is Mr. Electric for the Ducks. As a punt returner he's found the end zone four times. As a ball-hawking corner, he's picked off six passes, including two in the battle for Pac-10 supremacy against Stanford.

20 john BOYETT

Sophomore | Safety

Boyett led the Ducks in tackles in 2009 as a redshirt freshman and is second on the team in tackles in 2010. He's hard-hitting, has a knack for the ball, and excels against the run.

55 casey MATTHEWS

Senior | Inside linebacker

The brother of Green Bay Packers star Clay Matthews and the son of a former NFL player, Matthews has started since midway through his sophomore year. He leads Oregon in tackles in 2010 and is a semifinalist for the Butkus award, which goes to the nation's top linebacker.

From left: Steve Dykes/Getty Images; Steve Dykes/Getty Images; Steve Dykes/Getty Images; Steve Dykes/Getty Images

AUBURN TIGERS
KEY PLAYERS

2 cam NEWTON

Junior | Quarterback

The Heisman frontrunner led Auburn through the SEC minefield, always making the big play when the Tigers needed it. As a rusher he set the SEC record for most yards on the ground by a quarterback. He's also a rocket-armed passer who is accurate enough to have completed almost 70 percent of his passes. There's no question that Newton is the man who makes Auburn go.

89 darvin ADAMS

Junior | Wide receiver

The team's leader in receptions and receiving yards, Adams is a big, athletic receiver who can make catches in the middle of the field or stretch the defense. After two consecutive quiet performances, he had 217 receiving yards against South Carolina in the SEC championship game.

73 lee ZIEMBA

Senior | Left tackle

The Arkansas native was one of the most highly recruited offensive lineman in the country coming out of high school and has lived up to the hype. He's started every game in his four years and holds the Auburn record for games started. Despite being 6-8 and over 300 pounds, he's a quick, agile blocker.

5 michael DYER

Freshman | Running back

Dyer is low to the ground, thick, and explosive. He can go between the tackles or bounce outside. This year he broke the Auburn record for rushing yards by a freshman—a record that had belonged to Bo Jackson.

From left: Nelson Chenault/US Presswire; Kevin C. Cox/Getty Images; Kevin C. Cox/Getty Images

AUBURN TIGERS
KEY PLAYERS

23 onterio McCALEBB

Sophomore | Running back

McCalebb is the smaller, quicker backfield option for the Tigers. He's a home-run threat who has broken off runs of 70, 68, and 50 yards. He enters the national championship game averaging 8.5 yards a carry.

14 demond WASHINGTON

Senior | Cornerback

Washington is part of a secondary that is the weakness of the Auburn defense, but he really makes his impact on special teams. The SEC's leader in kickoff return yards in 2010, he broke off a 95-yard return against Ole Miss.

90 nick FAIRLEY

Junior |Defensive tackle

The rare tackle who racks up sacks, Fairley is an elite talent and one of the five finalists for the Nagurski trophy, which is given to the best defensive player in the nation. He was at his best against Alabama in the Iron Bowl. In that game he had two sacks and forced and recovered a fumble on the same play.

17 josh BYNES

Senior | Inside linebacker

Auburn's leading tackler for the second straight year, Bynes is smart, strong, and a solid tackler. He's also the quarterback of the defense, responsible for calling audibles and making sure that his teammates are lined up correctly.

From left: Kevin C. Cox/Getty Images; Kevin C. Cox/Getty Images; Nelson Chenault/US Presswire; Marvin Gentry/US Presswire

USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches Poll

Preseason

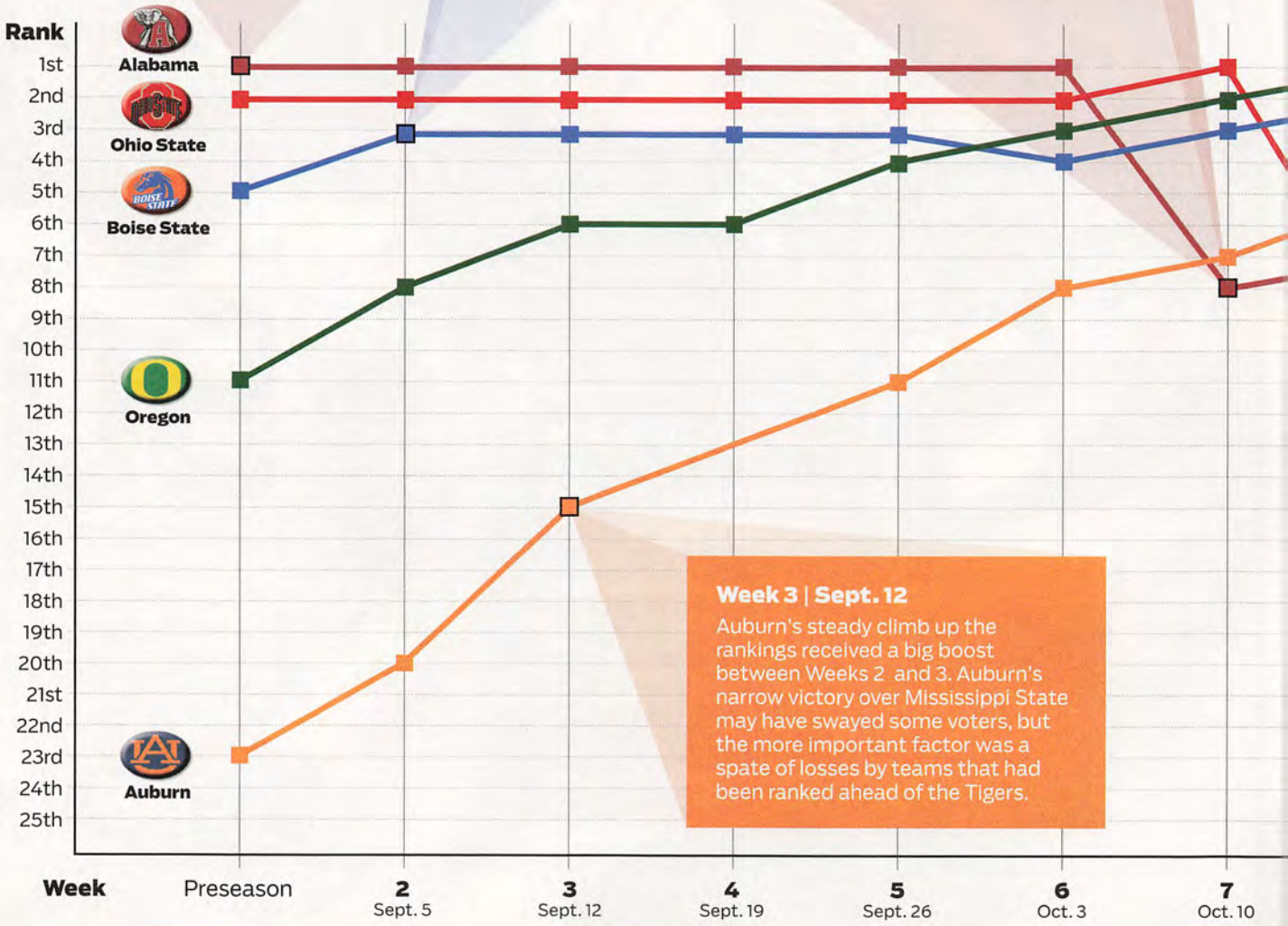
With Heisman winner Mark Ingram and quarterback Greg McElroy both returning, the Alabama Crimson Tide were the top team on 55 of the 59 ballots. Ohio State was the only other team to pick up first-place votes.

Week 2 | Sept. 5

Boise State toppled powerful Virginia Tech at the Redskins' home field outside Washington, D.C. in the first week of the season. Voters rewarded the Broncos with a nudge up to the No. 3 spot. Virginia Tech fell from No. 6 to No. 13.

Week 7 | Oct. 10

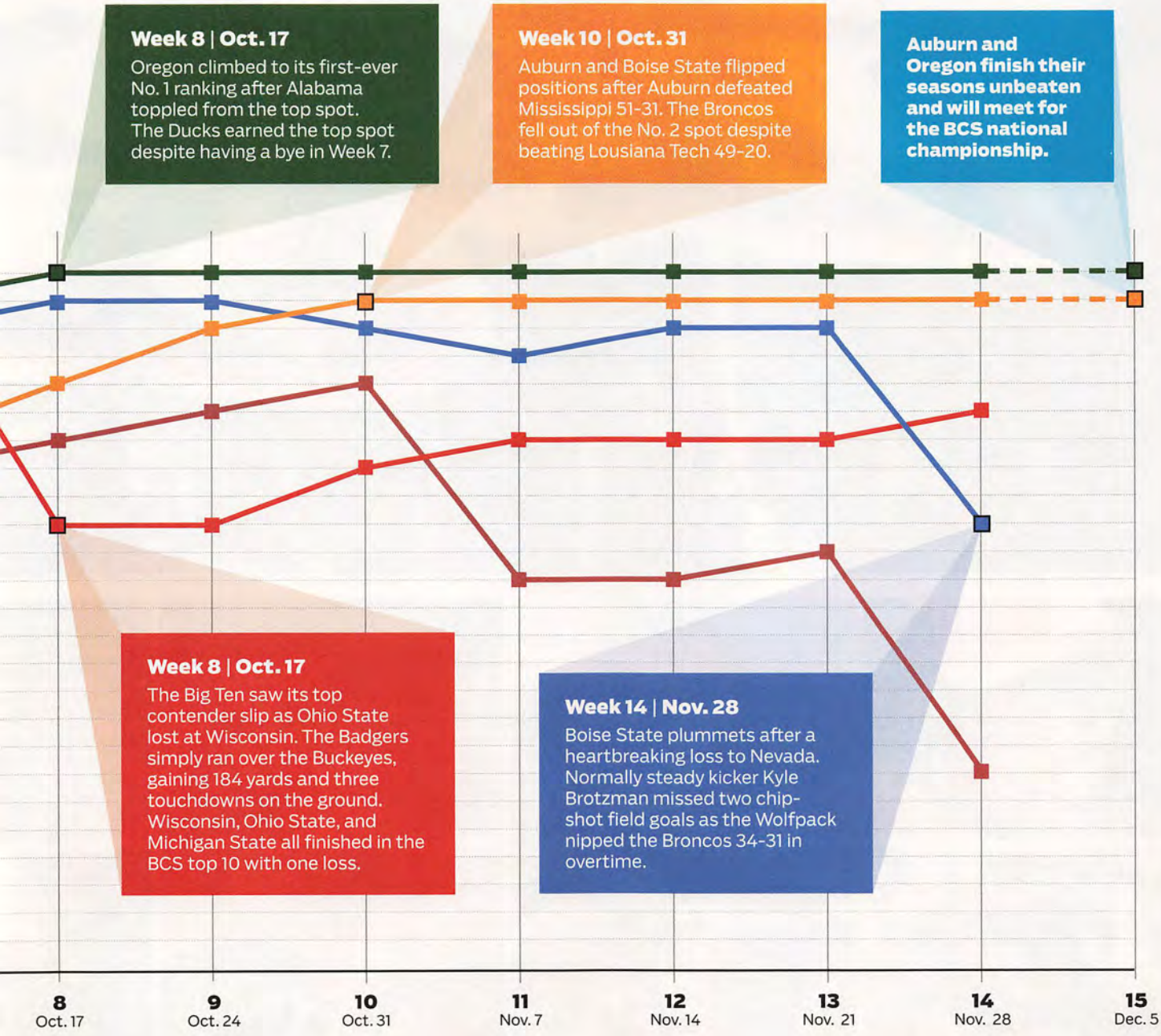
South Carolina upset Alabama to highlight a season that ended with an SEC East crown. It was the Gamecocks' first-ever victory against a No. 1–ranked team. Alabama would lose at LSU three weeks later to end any shot at a repeat title.



Week 3 | Sept. 12

Auburn's steady climb up the rankings received a big boost between Weeks 2 and 3. Auburn's narrow victory over Mississippi State may have swayed some voters, but the more important factor was a spate of losses by teams that had been ranked ahead of the Tigers.

2010 saw relatively few teams perch in the top few spots in the USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches poll. Only five teams were ever in the No. 1 or No. 2 positions. Alabama opened the season at No. 1 before losing in Week 6. Ohio State held the top spot for only one week before the Buckeyes picked up their first loss. Oregon filled the vacuum at the top starting Oct. 17 and stayed there from then on. Auburn opened the season as a dark horse but quickly earned attention with weekly victories in the tough SEC. The Tigers grabbed the No. 2 spot in the polls Oct. 31 and stayed undefeated to set up the championship clash.



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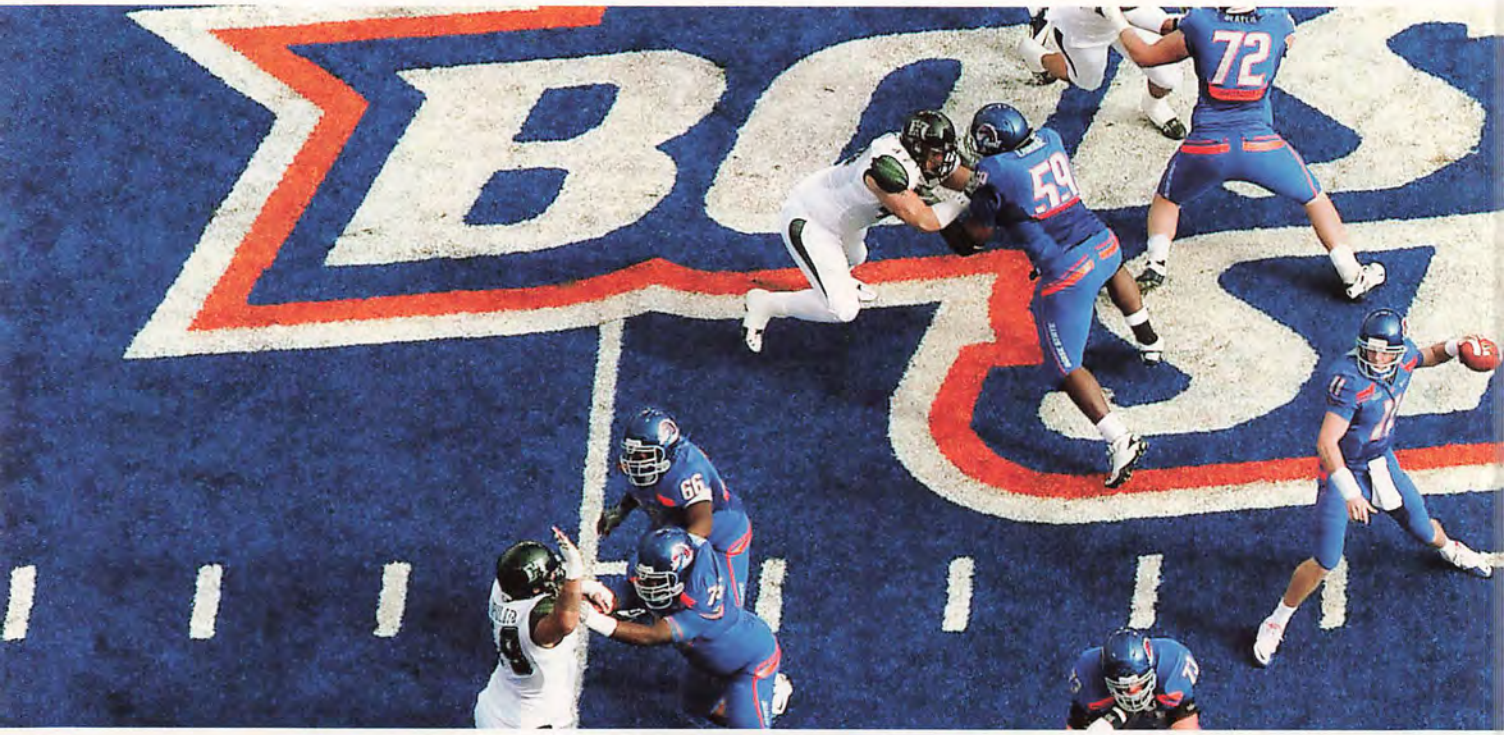
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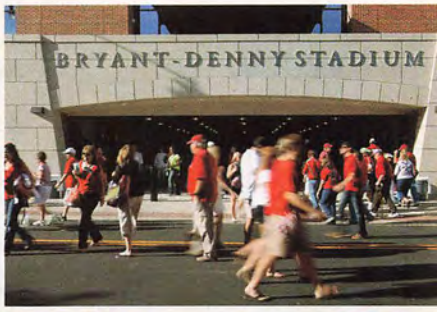
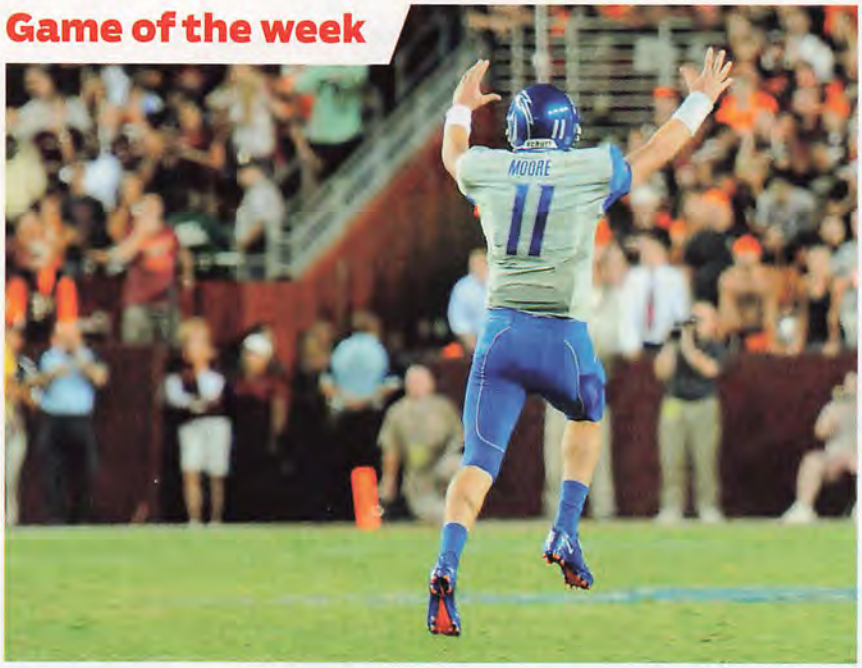


Game of the week



Boise State 33, Virginia Tech 30
TCU 30, Oregon State 21

Boise State and TCU, hailing from conferences outside the BCS, rarely get a chance to establish their national championship credentials. Week 1 was an exception, with Boise State traveling to face Virginia Tech. The Broncos scored the first 17 points, but Tech cut the lead to six at halftime and took the lead in the third. Boise State's D.J. Harper answered with a 71-yard dash, but Frank Beamer's vaunted special teams came up with a momentum-shifter in blocking the extra point. The Hokies went up 27-26 and then 30-26, only to fall in the final minutes as Kellen Moore found Austin Pettis for the winner. With TCU dumping No. 22–ranked Oregon State, the BCS-busters served notice that they weren't going away lightly in 2010.

The best of the rest

LSU 30,
North Carolina 24

The Tar Heels went to the neutral-site Georgia Dome with a depleted roster and a cloud of NCAA scrutiny. UNC's T.J. Yates threw for 412 yards but LSU won the battle, with a big assist from Patrick Peterson's 87-yard punt return TD.

Jacksonville St. 49, Mississippi 48

Gamecocks QBs Coty Blanchard converted on fourth-and-15 with a 30-yard TD pass, then found Calvin Middleton in a mob in the end zone for the winning two-point conversion.

Utah 27, Pittsburgh 24

The 15th-ranked Panthers rallied from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter, forcing the tie on a last-second field goal. But the Utes intercepted the first play of overtime and kicked a 21-yard game-winner.

USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL

Rk	School	W-L	Pts
1	Alabama (55)	1-0	1470
2	Ohio State (4)	1-0	1397
3	Boise State	1-0	1304
4	Texas	1-0	1264
5	TCU	1-0	1144
6	Florida	1-0	1130
7	Nebraska	1-0	1085
8	Oregon	1-0	1054
9	Iowa	1-0	1027
10	Oklahoma	1-0	969
11	Wisconsin	1-0	821
12	Miami (FL)	1-0	799
13	Virginia Tech	0-1	698
14	Penn State	1-0	655
15	Arkansas	1-0	531
16	LSU	1-0	527
17	Georgia Tech	1-0	519
18	Florida State	1-0	500
19	Georgia	1-0	458
20	Auburn	1-0	371
20	Utah	1-0	371
22	West Virginia	1-0	185
23	Arizona	1-0	128
24	Brigham Young	1-0	113
25	South Carolina	1-0	90

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Pittsburgh 15, North Carolina 18

Others receiving votes: Houston 87, Notre Dame 86, Stanford 55, Pittsburgh 53, Oregon State 40, Oklahoma St. 36, North Carolina 36, Clemson 28, Missouri 27, Michigan 17, Michigan State 11, California 10, Cincinnati 9, Washington 9, Texas Tech 7, Arizona State 7, Boston College 7, Connecticut 6, Texas A&M 6, Fresno State 5, Mississippi State 5, South Florida 4, Northwestern 3, Maryland 3, North Carolina State 2, Kansas State 2, Nevada 1, Air Force 1, Temple 1, Tennessee 1

Player of the week

Matt Barkley
USC QB

The sophomore tied a school record with five TD passes to make coach Lane Kiffin a winner in his debut, beating Hawaii 49-36.

Top to bottom: James Lang/US Presswire; Tim Heitman/US Presswire; Eugene Tanner/AP

Game of the week

Michigan 28, Notre Dame 24

Neither team would be contending for BCS glory by the end of the season, but the two traditional powers met in South Bend for a game full of suspense and a supreme individual performance. Michigan QB Denard Robinson set school records for rushing yards (258) and total offense (502) by a quarterback, including an 87-yard TD run. Notre Dame's Dayne Crist completed a 92-yard TD pass to Kyle Rudolph to give the Irish a 24-21 lead late, but Robinson drove the Wolverines back down the field and plunged into the end zone from 2 yards out with 27 seconds left. For the second straight year, Michigan beat the Irish with a TD in the last 30 seconds.

The best of the rest

James Madison 21, Virginia Tech 16

The Dukes' Drew Dudzik ran for two TDs and threw for the other in the massive upset at the Hokies' home in Blacksburg. The game would have a ripple effect through the BCS, giving Boise State's Week 1 win over the Hokies less importance.

Auburn 17, Mississippi St. 14

An almost-loss for the Tigers on the road, but Cam Newton threw for two TDs and ran for 70 yards to gain momentum toward what would be a big year.

Ohio State 36, Miami (Fla.) 24

The second-ranked Buckeyes shook off the Hurricanes with Terrelle Pryor passing for 233 yards and rushing for 113 while former Major League Soccer player Devin Barclay tied an Ohio State record with five field goals.

USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL

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1	Alabama (55)	2-0	1470
2	Ohio State (4)	2-0	1410
3	Boise State	1-0	1278
4	Texas	2-0	1262
5	TCU	2-0	1168
6	Oregon	2-0	1122
7	Florida	2-0	1108
8	Nebraska	2-0	1095
9	Oklahoma	2-0	1062
10	Iowa	2-0	1050
11	Wisconsin	2-0	889
12	LSU	2-0	740
13	Arkansas	2-0	738
14	Utah	2-0	625
15	Auburn	2-0	618
16	South Carolina	2-0	527
17	Miami (FL)	1-1	417
18	Arizona	2-0	410
19	Stanford	2-0	338
20	Penn State	1-1	296
21	West Virginia	2-0	264
22	Michigan	2-0	254
23	Houston	2-0	220
24	California	2-0	131
25	Missouri	2-0	82

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Virginia Tech 13, Georgia Tech 17, Georgia 19, Brigham Young 24

Others receiving votes: Clemson 68, Florida State 63, Oklahoma State 55, Air Force 51, Pittsburgh 50, Georgia 39, Michigan State 35, Oregon State 33, Texas Tech 28, Georgia Tech 26, North Carolina 23, Brigham Young 17, Washington 14, Nevada 12, Cincinnati 11, Arizona State 11, Boston College 11, Northwestern 10, Fresno State 9, Maryland 7, Texas A&M 7, Notre Dame 5, Connecticut 5, Virginia Tech 4, Kansas State 3, Mississippi State 2, East Carolina 1, Temple 1

Player of the week

Landry Jones
Oklahoma QB

Jones racked up 380 yards and four TDs, completing 30 of 40 passes even as the Sooners shut things down early in a 47-17 rout of Florida State.

Top to bottom: Jonathan Daniel/Getty Images; Jonathan Daniel/Getty Images;

Game of the week

Michigan State 34, Notre Dame 31 (OT)

For the second straight week, the Irish lost in the final seconds. This time, the end was even more stunning. Notre Dame QB Dayne Crist threw 55 times, completing 32 for 369 yards and four touchdowns. Neither team ever led by more than seven points, trading touchdowns to finish regulation tied 28-28. The Irish kicked a field goal to take the lead in overtime. With the Spartans lining up for a 46-yard field goal to keep the game alive at home, coach Mark Dantonio gambled. Holder Aaron Bates took the snap and threw to Charlie Gantt for the winning touchdown.

HEALTH SCARE: Seen above moments after the win, Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio suffered a mild heart attack and had surgery a few hours later.

The best of the rest

Auburn 27, Clemson 24 (OT)

Another major escape for the eventual contenders, who fell behind 17-0 at home but eked out a win. Clemson was flagged for illegal procedure on the tying field goal in overtime, then missed the second attempt.

Arkansas 31, Georgia 24

The Bulldogs, trying to bounce back at home, rallied from a 24-10 deficit in the fourth quarter to tie the game. The Razorbacks' Ryan Mallett threw for the last of his three TDs with 15 seconds left.

Wisconsin 20, Arizona State 19

A promising season for the home-standing Badgers was under threat when the Sun Devils scored a fourth-quarter touchdown, but Jay Valai blocked the extra point to preserve the win.

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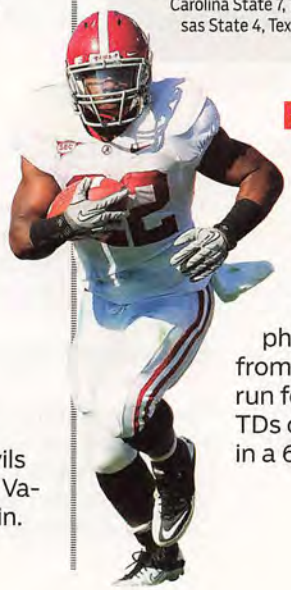
2	Ohio State (3)	3-0	1410
3	Boise State	2-0	1291
4	Texas	3-0	1251
5	TCU	3-0	1188
6	Oregon	3-0	1181
7	Nebraska (1)	3-0	1135
8	Florida	3-0	1092
9	Oklahoma	3-0	1060
10	Wisconsin	3-0	884
11	Arkansas	3-0	846
12	LSU	3-0	801
13	Utah	3-0	693
14	Auburn	3-0	655
15	South Carolina	3-0	612
16	Arizona	3-0	610
17	Stanford	3-0	541
18	Iowa	2-1	463
19	Miami (FL)	1-1	418
20	Penn State	2-1	335
21	West Virginia	3-0	315
22	Michigan	3-0	255
23	Michigan State	3-0	125
24	Missouri	3-0	123
25	Oklahoma State	3-0	103

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Houston 23, California 24

Others receiving votes: Nevada 58, Florida State 56, Oregon State 53, Pittsburgh 30, Georgia Tech 24, Clemson 17, Northwestern 15, Air Force 15, Boston College 12, Fresno State 7, Houston 7, North Carolina State 7, Temple 5, Texas A&M 4, Kansas State 4, Texas Tech 2, Virginia Tech 2



Player of the week

Mark Ingram
Alabama RB

The Heisman trophy winner returned from left knee surgery to run for 151 yards and two TDs on only nine carries in a 62-13 win over Duke.

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Game of the week

Alabama 24, Arkansas 20

2009 Heisman winner Mark Ingram announced his presence in the first quarter with a 54-yard touchdown run, but the Razorbacks were tough at home as they staked their own claim to SEC and national supremacy, taking a 20-7 lead. The top-ranked Tide answered as QB Greg McElroy shook off a pair of interceptions and the defense tightened. Alabama chipped away at the deficit and took the lead for the first time on Ingram's 1-yard run with 3:18 left. Arkansas QB Ryan Mallett threw for 357 yards but was picked off three times.

NOT QUITE ENOUGH: Arkansas' Ryan Mallett threw three interceptions, including one with under two minutes remaining.

USA TODAY/ESPN COACHES POLL

Rk	School	W-L	Pts
1	Alabama (57)	4-0	1472
2	Ohio State (2)	4-0	1412
3	Boise State	3-0	1312
4	Oregon	4-0	1243
5	TCU	4-0	1221
6	Nebraska	4-0	1164
7	Florida	4-0	1155
8	Oklahoma	4-0	1083
9	Wisconsin	4-0	989
10	LSU	4-0	896
11	Auburn	4-0	828
12	Utah	4-0	790
13	Stanford	4-0	744
14	Arizona	4-0	689
15	Arkansas	3-1	576
16	Texas	3-1	563
17	Miami (FL)	2-1	517
18	Iowa	3-1	509
19	Michigan	4-0	375
20	Penn State	3-1	347
21	Michigan State	4-0	278
22	South Carolina	3-1	272
23	Missouri	4-0	182
24	Oklahoma State	3-0	146
25	Nevada	4-0	102

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: West Virginia (21)

Others receiving votes: Florida State 84, North Carolina State 80, West Virginia 45, Air Force 22, Northwestern 21, Kansas State 17, Clemson 16, Houston 10, Mississippi State 7, Texas Tech 5, Virginia Tech 2, UCLA 1

The best of the rest

Tennessee 32, UAB 29 (OT)

The Volunteers made it seem routine in the first half, taking a 23-7 lead on the Blazers. But the visitors answered with a TD and two-point conversion in both the third and fourth quarters, forcing the game to overtime. Tennessee finally found its offense for the winning TD.

UCLA 34, Texas 12

The fourth-ranked Longhorns welcomed the unranked Bruins with five turnovers and a curious inability to stop the run, suffering a deflating loss.

Auburn 35, South Carolina 27

The Tigers' season was starting to resemble the first season on *Friday Night Lights*, with heroic comebacks each week. This time, Cam Newton ran for three TDs to keep Auburn close, then threw for two more in the fourth quarter.

Player of the week

Terrelle Pryor
Ohio State QB

Four passing touchdowns and one rushing TD in a 70-23 rout of Eastern Michigan might be expected. The receiving touchdown was not. The backups took over in the fourth quarter.

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Game of the week

Oregon 52, Stanford 31

Two unbeaten Pac-10 and top-15 teams with high-powered offenses faced off in Eugene, Ore. The visiting Cardinals took control early behind star QB Andrew Luck, leading 21-3 after the first quarter and 31-24 at the half. The Ducks put the clamps on the Cardinals in the second half, outscoring Stanford 28-0. LaMichael James, who rushed for three TDs and 257 yards, punctuated the win with a 76-yard TD run.

TOP-10 MATCHUP: Even though both teams were in the top 10, it was never close, with Alabama taking a 24-0 lead and beating Florida 31-6.

The best of the rest

LSU 16, Tennessee 14

One week after scratching past UAB, the Volunteers gave host LSU all it could handle before blundering, having too many players on the field for what would have been the game-winning defensive stand. Given a second chance, LSU gave Stevan Ridley the ball for a 1-yard TD.

Michigan State 34, Wisconsin 24

With coach Mark Dantonio watching from the hospital, the Spartans won a battle of Big Ten unbeatens behind Kirk Cousins' three touchdown passes.

Virginia Tech 41, N.C. State 30

The Hokies continued to rebuild their season, rallying from a 17-0 deficit on the road and scoring two TDs in the last two minutes.

Oklahoma 28, Texas 20

The Sooners remained unbeaten with an important rivalry win behind two TDs from DeMarco Murray.

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Rk	School	W-L	Pts
1	Alabama (57)	5-0	1449
2	Ohio State (1)	5-0	1377
3	Oregon	5-0	1300
4	Boise State	4-0	1276
5	TCU	5-0	1187
6	Nebraska	4-0	1176
7	Oklahoma	5-0	1132
8	Auburn	5-0	988
9	LSU	5-0	930
10	Utah	4-0	868
11	Arizona	4-0	835
12	Florida	4-1	705
13	Arkansas	3-1	683
14	Miami (FL)	3-1	679
15	Iowa	4-1	643
16	Michigan State	5-0	625
17	Michigan	5-0	541
18	Stanford	4-1	448
19	Wisconsin	4-1	414
20	South Carolina	3-1	345
21	Oklahoma State	4-0	299
22	Missouri	4-0	271
23	Nevada	5-0	201
24	Florida State	4-1	164
25	Northwestern	5-0	67

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Texas 16, Penn State 20

Others receiving votes: Texas 61, Air Force 44, West Virginia 40, Kansas State 31, Penn State 30, North Carolina State 13, Virginia Tech 10, Houston 8, Mississippi State 5, Oregon State 2, Temple 1, Baylor 1, UCLA 1

Player of the week

Denard Robinson
Michigan QB

The phenom returned from injury with 277 passing yards (3 TDs) and 217 rushing yards (2 TDs) in 42-35 win over Indiana.

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Game of the week

South Carolina 35, Alabama 21

Look out, SEC. Steve Spurrier is officially back. His Gamecocks raced out to a 21-3 lead and weathered a mild second-half storm to knock off the top-ranked Crimson Tide. Stephen Garcia executed Spurrier's passing game with few flaws, completing 17 of 20 passes for 201 yards and three touchdowns. But it was the South Carolina defense that stood tall, holding Mark Ingram to 41 rushing yards. No stranger to No. 1 upsets, South Carolina also beat top-ranked Kentucky in basketball in January.

NO LONGER PERFECT: Alabama quarterback Greg McElroy suffered his first loss as a starter at Alabama.

The best of the rest

Michigan State 34, Michigan 17

With coach Mark Dantonio easing back to work after a heart attack, the Spartans held Denard Robinson in check to win a battle of unbeaten rivals in Ann Arbor.

Oregon State 29, Arizona 27

Sophomore QB Ryan Katz threw for two TDs and ran for another as the visiting Beavers overcame Arizona's fierce defense to hand the Wildcats their first loss.

LSU 33, Florida 29

LSU's Tigers pulled off another escape act to remain unbeaten, faking a game-tying 52-yard field goal to set up a game-winning TD.

Texas Tech 45, Baylor 38

The Red Raiders led 35-28 at the half and held on behind QB Taylor Potts' 462 passing yards and four TDs.

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1	Ohio State (49)	6-0	1455
2	Oregon (6)	6-0	1388
3	Boise State (1)	5-0	1335
4	Nebraska (2)	5-0	1272
5	TCU (1)	6-0	1213
6	Oklahoma	5-0	1193
7	Auburn	6-0	1060
8	Alabama	5-1	1029
9	LSU	6-0	1021
10	Utah	5-0	940
11	Michigan State	6-0	838
12	South Carolina	4-1	835
13	Arkansas	4-1	780
14	Iowa	4-1	710
15	Stanford	5-1	618
16	Wisconsin	5-1	542
17	Florida State	5-1	496
18	Oklahoma State	5-0	478
19	Missouri	5-0	434
20	Arizona	4-1	367
21	Nevada	6-0	329
22	Florida	4-2	242
23	Air Force	5-1	151
24	Michigan	5-1	137
25	West Virginia	4-1	88

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Miami (FL) 14, Northwestern 25

Others receiving votes: Miami (FL) 66, North Carolina State 41, Texas 31, Oregon State 30, Virginia Tech 24, Northwestern 23, Mississippi St. 7, Maryland 2

Player of the week

Cam Newton
Auburn QB

As if imitating Michigan's Denard Robinson, Newton threw for 210 yards and ran for 198 and four TDs. A last-second field goal helped the Tigers escape Kentucky 37-34.

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Game of the week

Auburn 65, Arkansas 43

Another Auburn comeback, this one even wilder than the others. Arkansas lost QB Ryan Mallett in the first half, but backup Tyler Wilson threw for four touchdowns, the last giving the Razorbacks a 43-37 lead early in the fourth quarter. Cam Newton's TD pass put Auburn back in front, and Zac Etheridge's 47-yard fumble return TD—with the questionable fumble upheld on replay—put the Tigers in command. Newton then ran for his third TD of the game, and Michael Dyer added another to put the game in the record books as the highest-scoring non-overtime SEC game in history.

ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS: Cam Newton and the Tigers put up 65 points in the highest-scoring non-overtime SEC game ever.

The best of the rest

Wisconsin 31, Ohio State 18

The No. 1 ranking changed hands again as Badgers running back John Clay smashed the Buckeyes' title hopes with two TD runs at home in Madison.

Texas 20, Nebraska 13

Another unbeaten fell, this time at home, as Longhorns QB Garrett Gilbert ran for two first-half TDs. Eric Hagg's late 95-yard punt return gave the Cornhuskers a glimmer of hope.

Kentucky 31, South Carolina 28

The Wildcats scored 21 unanswered points in the second half to put a dent in the Gamecocks' SEC campaign.

Mississippi St. 10, Florida 7

The Gators, who had dropped two in a row to highly-ranked SEC rivals, lost at home to the unranked Bulldogs.

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1	Oregon (42)	6-0	1452
2	Boise State (11)	6-0	1385
3	Oklahoma (4)	6-0	1334
4	TCU (1)	7-0	1300
5	Auburn (1)	7-0	1238
6	LSU	7-0	1132
7	Alabama	6-1	1085
8	Michigan State	7-0	1037
9	Utah	6-0	1004
10	Ohio State	6-1	936
11	Wisconsin	6-1	867
12	Iowa	5-1	785
13	Nebraska	5-1	768
14	Stanford	5-1	689
15	Oklahoma State	6-0	659
16	Missouri	6-0	640
17	Florida State	6-1	608
18	Arizona	5-1	494
19	West Virginia	5-1	323
20	South Carolina	4-2	284
21	Arkansas	4-2	274
22	Texas	4-2	256
23	Virginia Tech	5-2	165
24	Mississippi State	5-2	133
25	Miami (FL)	4-2	127

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Nevada 21, Florida 22, Air Force 23, Michigan 24

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 60, Kansas State 53, Nevada 28, Michigan 23, Hawaii 9, North Carolina 8, Georgia Tech 6, Air Force 5, East Carolina 4, Baylor 3, Navy 1

Player of the week

Jake Locker
Washington QB

The senior threw for five touchdowns, two in overtime, as the Huskies upset Oregon State 35-34.

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Game of the week

Missouri 36, Oklahoma 27

Does anyone want to be No. 1? Missouri's Gahn McGaffie ran the opening kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown and the Tigers trailed only briefly in knocking off the Sooners, who had been installed as the top team in the first week of the BCS standings. Blaine Gabbert held his own in the passing duel with Oklahoma's Landry Jones, each passing for a little more than 300 yards, and the Missouri QB led his team to 16 unanswered points in the fourth quarter. Like Oklahoma, Missouri had come into the game unbeaten, but the Tigers hadn't been tested.

OUT OF FAVOR: , Oklahoma, the top-ranked team in the first week of BCS standings, fell to No. 9 following the loss to Mizzou.

The best of the rest

Auburn 24, LSU 17

Auburn never trailed in the matchup of unbeaten SEC Tigers, with Cam Newton running for 217 yards to set an SEC season record for rushing yards by a quarterback.

Iowa State 28, Texas 21

The Longhorns followed a huge win with a stunning home loss as the Cyclones beat Texas for the first time.

Nebraska 51, Oklahoma State 41

The Cowboys had quietly racked up an unbeaten record until Taylor Martinez came to town and threw for 323 yards and five TDs while running for 112 yards.

Wisconsin 31, Iowa 30

The Badgers passed a tough road test in the Big Ten with a fake punt that prolonged the drive for the game-winning touchdown.

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1	Oregon (50)	7-0	1463
2	Boise State (5)	6-0	1383
3	Auburn (3)	8-0	1350
4	TCU (1)	8-0	1308
5	Michigan State	8-0	1175
6	Alabama	7-1	1152
7	Utah	7-0	1091
8	Missouri	7-0	1060
9	Wisconsin	7-1	973
10	Ohio State	7-1	966
11	Oklahoma	6-1	871
12	Nebraska	6-1	802
13	LSU	7-1	787
14	Stanford	6-1	763
15	Florida State	6-1	651
16	Arizona	6-1	628
17	South Carolina	5-2	431
18	Arkansas	5-2	404
19	Iowa	5-2	401
20	Oklahoma State	6-1	385
21	Virginia Tech	6-2	317
22	Miami (FL)	5-2	260
23	Mississippi State	6-2	251
24	Baylor	6-2	70
25	Michigan	5-2	50

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: West Virginia 19, Texas 22

Others receiving votes: Nevada 48, Hawaii 40, Navy 26, East Carolina 20, West Virginia 18, Northwestern 9, North Carolina State 4, California 3, San Diego State 3, Syracuse 3, Texas 2, UCF 2, Illinois 2, Northern Illinois 1, Clemson 1, Air Force 1

Player of the week

Washaun Ealey
Georgia RB

No Georgia player had ever run for five TDs in a game until Ealey did so in the Bulldogs' 44-31 win at Kentucky.

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Game of the week

Oregon 53, Southern Cal 32

The Ducks' reward for taking the all-important No. 2 spot in the BCS standings was a tough road trip to Los Angeles to face sharp QB Matt Barkley and the Trojans, who fought back from a 12-point halftime deficit to take a 32-29 lead in the third quarter. That would be all for the USC offense, as the Oregon defense continued its trend of stepping up in the second half. LaMichael James ran for 239 yards and three touchdowns, two of them in the Ducks' final 24-point surge.

NO CHANGE AT THE TOP THIS WEEK: Cam Newton caught a TD pass and threw for two more as Auburn beat Ole Miss 51-31.

The best of the rest

Nebraska 31, Missouri 17

The Cornhuskers brought the unbeaten Tigers back to earth with a 24-point first quarter featuring Roy Helu Jr.'s 66- and 73-yard TD runs. Helu finished with three TDs and a school-record 307 rushing yards.

Iowa 37, Michigan State 6

The unbeaten Spartans fell hard on the road, falling behind 30-0 at the half. Micah Hyde's 66-yard interception return TD capped a 17-point first quarter, and Ricky Stanzi threw for three TDs.

Utah 28, Air Force 23

The unbeaten Utes led 28-10 after three quarters but needed a series of defensive stands to hold on for a difficult Mountain West win against the big play–minded Falcons.

Penn State 41, Michigan 31

Former walk-on Matthew McGloin was pressed into action as QB but held his own, despite Denard Robinson's typical 191 yards rushing and 190 yards passing.

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1	Oregon (51)	8-0	1464
2	Auburn (4)	9-0	1384
3	Boise State (3)	7-0	1361
4	TCU (1)	9-0	1292
5	Alabama	7-1	1213
6	Utah	8-0	1141
7	Wisconsin	7-1	1100
8	Ohio State	8-1	1049
9	Oklahoma	7-1	990
10	Nebraska	7-1	961
11	LSU	7-1	861
12	Stanford	7-1	846
13	Arizona	7-1	704
14	Missouri	7-1	676
15	Michigan State	8-1	652
16	Iowa	6-2	647
17	South Carolina	6-2	517
18	Oklahoma State	7-1	466
19	Arkansas	6-2	446
20	Virginia Tech	6-2	379
21	Mississippi State	7-2	320
22	Baylor	7-2	250
23	Nevada	7-1	112
24	Florida State	6-2	107
25	North Carolina St.	6-2	96

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Miami (FL) 22, Michigan 25

Others receiving votes: Hawaii 59, Northwestern 24, Syracuse 14, UCF 13, Maryland 9, Miami (FL) 5, San Diego State 4, Illinois 4, Florida 4, Michigan 3, Northern Illinois 2

Player of the week

Ryan Broyles
Oklahoma WR

Broyles racked up a school-record 208 receiving yards and three TDs as Oklahoma cruised past Colorado.

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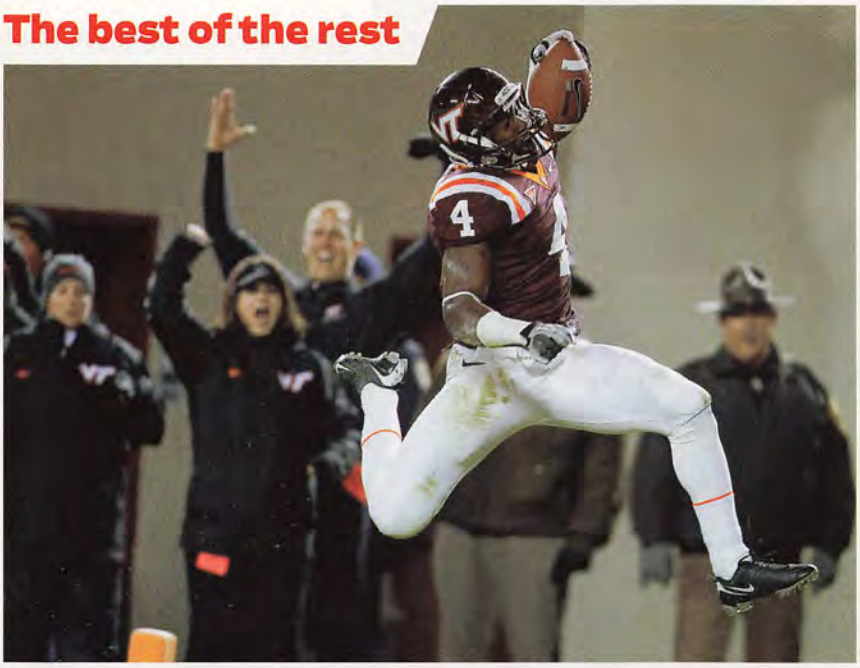
Game of the week

TCU 47, Utah 7

This was supposed to be the Horned Frogs' toughest test on the way to an unbeaten season that would pose a few questions for BCS selectors. The Utes, playing at home in black camouflage uniforms, harbored BCS-busting hopes of their own. But Andy Dalton hooked up with Josh Boyce on TD passes of 26 and 93 yards in the first quarter. Wide receiver Jeremy Kerley then threw a TD pass of his own for a 20-0 TCU lead. Dalton finished with 355 yards and three TDs, while Utah suffered four turnovers.

TIT FOR TAT: Boise State kept pace with the Horned Frogs with a 42-7 demolition of Hawaii behind Kellen Moore's career-high 507 passing yards.

The best of the rest



Virginia Tech 28, Georgia Tech 21

The Yellow Jackets forged a 21-21 tie with 2:34 left, but David Wilson returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for a TD that held up as the winner when Rashad Carmichael picked off a pass in the end zone with eight seconds left.

Nebraska 31, Iowa State 30 (OT)

The Cyclones' upset bid fell short when their trick play failed. After scoring an overtime TD, Iowa State lined up for the kick but threw instead. The pass was picked off.

LSU 24, Alabama 21

Fourth-and-1, to LSU coach Les Miles, is the perfect time to run a reverse. The play set up a TD to put the Tigers ahead 21-14 in the fourth quarter and spoil former coach Nick Saban's title ambitions.

Texas A&M 33, Oklahoma 19

The Aggies kept the Big 12 unpredictable by holding the Sooners scoreless in the first half and returning the second-half kickoff for a TD and a 19-0 lead. Oklahoma scored 17 straight points but got no closer.

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4	Boise State (3)	8-0	1330
5	Wisconsin	8-1	1184
6	LSU	8-1	1153
7	Ohio State	8-1	1123
8	Nebraska	8-1	1067
9	Stanford	8-1	1058
10	Michigan State	9-1	876
11	Oklahoma State	8-1	832
12	Alabama	7-2	791
13	Iowa	7-2	779
14	Arkansas	7-2	696
15	Utah	8-1	659
16	Oklahoma	7-2	569
17	Virginia Tech	7-2	563
18	Mississippi State	7-2	477
19	Arizona	7-2	403
20	Missouri	7-2	395
21	Nevada	8-1	328
22	South Carolina	6-3	151
23	UCF	7-2	99
24	Florida	6-3	85
25	Texas A&M	6-3	79

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Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Baylor 22, Florida State 24, North Carolina State 25

Others receiving votes: Miami (FL) 67, San Diego State 44, Kansas St. 36, Baylor 30, Penn State 28, Michigan 15, Fresnot St. 11, Temple 11, Northern Illinois 8, Florida State 8, North Carolina 8, North Carolina State 5, Navy 5, Pittsburgh 5, Hawaii 3, Southern Miss 2

Player of the week

Ricky Dobbs, Navy QB

East Carolina counterpart Dominique Davis had flashier stats, with 413 yards and five TDs, but Dobbs ran the triple option to perfection in a 76-35 win.

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Game of the week

Oregon 15, California 13

Maybe the Ducks had visions of BCS glory in their heads heading into this Pac-10 showdown in Berkeley. Oregon held a slim 8-7 halftime lead after a Cliff Harris punt return and a trick play for a two-point conversion. The offense finally scored in the third quarter, but the Ducks' usual second-half steamroller never got moving. A fumble in the end zone brought Cal within two points, but the Bears missed the two-point conversion. Cal had a chance to take the lead in the fourth quarter, but kicker Giorgio Tavecchio was flagged for illegal motion on a 24-yard field goal, then missed from 29.

BY A THREAD: Cal's mistake-ridden performance meant it couldn't get the best of Oregon, one of four unbeatens left.

The best of the rest

Auburn 49, Georgia 31

With scandal beginning to swirl, Cam Newton threw for two TDs and ran for two more as the Tigers rallied from a 21-7 first-quarter deficit to remain unbeaten.

Wisconsin 83, Indiana 20

The Badgers started slowly without running back John Clay, tied 10-10 early in the second quarter. The only question after that was whether the scoreboard had another digit.

Notre Dame 28, Utah 3

After a couple of close losses and an injury to QB Dayne Crist, the Irish didn't seem to have much left. But backup Tommy Rees threw three TDs to give the Utes their second loss.

South Carolina 36, Florida 14

Longtime Florida coach Steve Spurrier returned to Gainesville and clinched his first SEC title appearance with South Carolina in a convincing display.

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2	Auburn (6)	11-0	1397
3	Boise State (5)	9-0	1329
4	TCU (2)	11-0	1318
5	Wisconsin	9-1	1197
6	LSU	9-1	1175
7	Ohio State	9-1	1107
8	Stanford	9-1	1066
9	Nebraska	9-1	1061
10	Oklahoma State	9-1	913
11	Michigan State	9-1	892
12	Alabama	8-2	828
13	Arkansas	8-2	745
14	Oklahoma	8-2	683
15	Virginia Tech	8-2	673
16	Missouri	8-2	583
17	South Carolina	7-3	521
18	Nevada	9-1	422
19	Texas A&M	7-3	359
20	Iowa	7-3	298
21	Miami (FL)	7-3	216
22	Mississippi State	7-3	184
23	Arizona	7-3	164
24	Utah	8-2	140
25	Northwestern	7-3	93

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Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: UCF 23, Florida 24

Others receiving votes: Florida State 87, Michigan 72, North Carolina State 55, Northern Illinois 30, Temple 23, San Diego State 20, Maryland 18, Syracuse 13, Hawaii 10, Navy 6, Kansas State 5, UCF 5, Southern Miss 4, Baylor 3, Air Force 2, Penn State 1

Player of the week

Dominique Davis, E. Carolina QB

UAB QB Bryan Ellis threw for five TDs as the Blazers took a 42-34 fourth-quarter lead, but Davis matched him in leading the Pirates to a 54-42 win.

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Game of the week

Illinois 48, Northwestern 27

A showdown between two mid-tier Big Ten teams in November might not attract much national interest under normal circumstances, but playing at Wrigley Field is hardly normal. Neither is switching directions with every change of possession to avoid running into the padding just beyond the east end zone, which only saw action on an interception return by Northwestern's Brian Peters. For the record, the Illini pulled out the win and became bowl-eligible behind Mikel Leshoure's school-record 330 rushing yards.

PLAY BALL: With space limited at Wrigley Field, the two teams shared a sideline and swapped ends at halftime.

The best of the rest

Texas A&M 9, Nebraska 6

The ever-unpredictable Big 12 saw a battle of defenses and kickers, with the Cornhuskers paying the price for their 16 penalties (145 yards), including unsportsmanlike conduct on coach Bo Pelini.

LSU 43, Ole Miss 36

The Tigers rallied three times from a one-point deficit in the second half, finally holding off the upset bid when Stevan Ridley scored his third TD with 44 seconds left.

Ohio State 20, Iowa 17

Terrelle Pryor ran for 14 yards on fourth-and-10 to keep a late touchdown-scoring drive alive, and the Buckeyes stayed alive in the Big Ten race.

Utah 38, San Diego State 34

The pesky Aztecs led 20-3 in the first half and kept the lead until the Utes blocked a punt and scored the winning TD on the drive that followed.

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6	LSU	10-1	1175
7	Ohio State	10-1	1116
8	Stanford	10-1	1112
9	Oklahoma State	10-1	990
10	Michigan State	10-1	927
11	Alabama	9-2	885
12	Arkansas	9-2	784
13	Oklahoma	9-2	733
14	Virginia Tech	9-2	723
15	Nebraska	9-2	614
16	Missouri	9-2	585
17	South Carolina	8-3	577
18	Texas A&M	8-3	492
19	Nevada	10-1	456
20	Arizona	7-3	279
21	Florida State	8-3	243
22	Utah	9-2	228
23	North Carolina St.	8-3	208
24	Iowa	7-4	74
25	Mississippi State	7-4	68

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Player of the week

Knile Davis, Arkansas RB

Davis ran for 187 yards and two touchdowns and then caught the game-winning TD in overtime for a 38-31 win over Mississippi State.

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Game of the week

Auburn 28, Alabama 27

Among the top five BCS teams, only No. 4 TCU had an easy ride in Week 13. No surprise that Auburn, which toyed with fans' hearts all season, had the wildest. Alabama led 24-0 early in the second quarter. Then Cam Newton went to work, chipping away at the lead and hitting Terrell Zachery for a 70-yard TD pass on the second play of the second half. Newton threw for three TDs and ran for another, and the Tiger defense held Alabama to a field goal in the second half to remain unbeaten.

STILL PERFECT: Oregon had a little less drama in staying on track for the BCS title game, trailing Arizona 19-14 at the half but pulling away to win 48-29.

The best of the rest

Nevada 34, Boise State 31, OT

The Broncos seemed to be on track for their 25th straight win, leading 24-7 at halftime, but Rishard Matthews scored two fourth-quarter TDs and Boise State kicker Kyle Brotzman missed short kicks at the end of regulation and in overtime.

Arkansas 31, LSU 23

You'd expect LSU coach Les Miles to make the gambling calls, but Bobby Petrino's Razorbacks threw an 80-yard TD pass on the last play of the first half and a 39-yarder on fourth down in the fourth to knock the Tigers out of the BCS' Top 5.

Oklahoma 47, Oklahoma State 41

Landry Jones threw for 468 yards, four TDs, and three interceptions in a wild Big 12 finale, overcoming the Cowboys' TDs on interception and kickoff returns.

Northern Illinois 71, Eastern Michigan 3

How do you draw attention as a 10-2 team in the MAC? Finishing with 65, 59, and 71 points in your last three games can help. The Huskies did indeed make the Top 25 after this 71-point gem.

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Rk	School	W-L	Pts
1	Oregon (46)	11-0	1459
2	Auburn (10)	12-0	1419
3	TCU (3)	12-0	1343
4	Wisconsin	11-1	1282
5	Stanford	11-1	1233
6	Ohio State	11-1	1213
7	Michigan State	11-1	1083
8	Arkansas	10-2	1012
9	Oklahoma	10-2	943
10	Boise State	10-1	869
11	Virginia Tech	10-2	843
12	LSU	10-2	796
13	Nebraska	10-2	773
14	Missouri	10-2	666
15	Oklahoma State	10-2	661
16	South Carolina	9-3	626
17	Nevada	11-1	621
18	Texas A&M	9-3	503
19	Alabama	9-3	501
20	Florida State	9-3	353
21	Utah	10-2	291
22	Mississippi State	8-4	223
23	Northern Illinois	10-2	130
24	West Virginia	8-3	110
25	UCF	9-3	62

Climbed five spots or more or entered poll this week

Dropped five spots or more

Dropped from rankings: Arizona 20, North Carolina State 23, Iowa 24

Others receiving votes: Arizona 47, Hawaii 40, Maryland 34, North Carolina State 18, San Diego State 11, Navy 4, Tulsa 3, Air Force 1, South Florida 1, Iowa 1

Player of the week

Andrew Luck
Stanford QB

The possible No. 1 draft pick had a consistent season and finished the Pac-10 slate with a four-touchdown flourish in a 38-0 win over Oregon State.

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Game of the week

Auburn 56, South Carolina 17

No fourth-quarter heroics this time. South Carolina fought to within seven points with 16 seconds left in the first half, but Cam Newton found Darvin Adams on a 51-yard Hail Mary for a 28-14 lead. Newton finished with six TDs, four passing and two rushing. He and Nevada's Colin Kaepernick joined Tim Tebow, who started ahead of Newton at Florida, as top-division QBs with 20 rushing and 20 passing TDs in one season. Most important, Auburn won the SEC title and clinched a spot in the BCS title game.

THE MATCHUP IS SET: Oregon also pulled away in its season finale, running over Oregon State 37-20 to take the other spot in the national title game.

The best of the rest

Oklahoma 23, Nebraska 20

The Sooners fell behind 17-0 but came back behind Landry Jones' 342 passing yards to win the Big 12 title game, Nebraska's last before joining the Big Ten.

Virginia Tech 44, Florida State 33

The Hokies capped their comeback from an 0-2 start by pulling away from the Seminoles in the ACC title game, with Tyrod Taylor accounting for four TDs.

Miami (Ohio) 26, Northern Illinois 21

Trailing 21-20 late, the RedHawks' desperation heave on fourth-and-20 was tipped and caught. Miami went on to score the winning TD and upset the ranked Huskies to take the MAC title.

Arizona State 30, Arizona 29 (OT)

James Brooks blocked an extra point in the last minute of regulation, then did it again in the second overtime as the Sun Devils picked up the rivalry win.

Player of the week

Dion Lewis, Pittsburgh RB

Lewis ran for 261 yards and four TDs in a 28-10 win over Cincinnati as Pitt clinched a share of the Big East title, though Connecticut claimed the conference's BCS bid.

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2010 Oregon DUCKS

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Game #1 | September 4, 2010

Oregon vs. New Mexico

Kenjon Barner rushed for a career-best 147 yards and four touchdowns on 17 carries, subbing for the suspended LaMichael James as 11th-ranked Oregon used a powerful first half to dismantle New Mexico, 72-0, in the first-ever meeting between the schools.

"I've been saying all along, I think he's the most underrated player in the country," Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said of Barner. "Today he got a chance to shine. We've always felt that we've had 1A and 1B (with James and Barner). We run the ball 40 times a game; one guy is not going to get all the carries."

Darron Thomas finished 13-of-23 for 220 yards, two scores, and an interception in his inaugural collegiate

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— Chip Kelly

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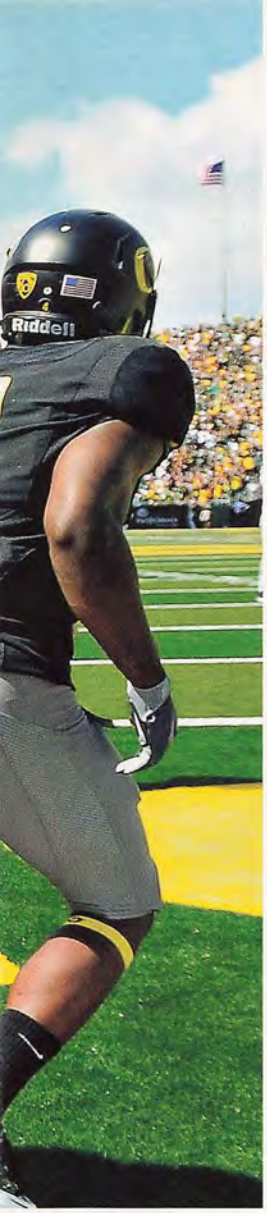

BARNER STORM: The sophomore running back made the most of a rare opportunity to shine.

start for the Ducks.

Jeff Maehl made five receptions for 91 yards, David Paulson had a 30-yard TD reception, and Barner added a 60-yard catch for a score.

Cliff Harris added a pair of punt returns for touchdowns for Oregon, which set a school record with 720 yards of total offense and tied their Autzen Stadium record for points in one game after a 1999 contest against Nevada set the mark.

"We made glaring mistakes and errors that we have to go through and correct. We had some good plays and hits, but we weren't consistent," noted Lobos head coach Mike Locksley. "Oregon is talented and well coached. We expected them to be good, we didn't expect our guys to make those plays and play that well against them."

An interception in the red zone spoiled Oregon's first drive of the contest, but its second possession netted a 1-yard TD run from Barner to cap a brief drive.

The hosts then went 82 yards on their next series. Before the first quarter was completed, Barner ran for two touchdowns, for a 28-0 game.

Barner scampered home from 42 yards early in the second quarter, then hauled in a 60-yard pass for another touchdown. Harris returned a punt 61 yards for a TD, then Eric Solis nailed a 24-yard field goal to make it 52-0. Harris then completed the burst with a 64-yard punt return for a TD.

"Cliff's very talented. He's in his second year in the program and to have him behind Kenjon, who I think is the best returner in the country, is nice," Kelly added of Harris' ability.

Offense, backup RB Barner crush New Mexico in season opener

	1	2	3	4	T
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	28	31	6	7	72

TOTAL YARDS

New Mexico 107
Oregon 720

PASSING YARDS

New Mexico 82
Oregon 351

RUSHING YARDS

New Mexico 25
Oregon 369

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	13/23	220	9.6	2	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
K. Barner	17	147	8.6	4	41
R. Alston	21	110	5.2	0	38
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	5	91	18.2	0	39
K. Barner	1	60	60.0	1	60

Player of the game

Kenjon Barner, RB

With normal starter LaMichael James suspended for the game, Barner scored five touchdowns (four on the ground), ran for 147 yards, and gathered another 60 yards through the air to account for 207 of the team's school-record 720 yards.

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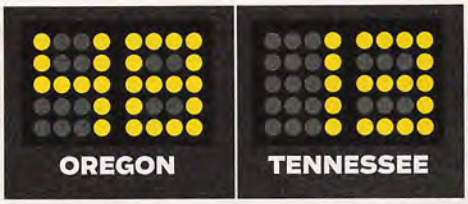
Game #2 | September 11, 2010

Oregon at Tennessee



NOT-SO-HARD KNOX: LaMichael James(21) returned from suspension and schooled Tennesee, which fell apart after his second-half 72-yard touchdown run.

LaMichael James ran for 134 yards and a touchdown and Darron Thomas threw for 202 yards and two scores to lead seventh-ranked Oregon to a 48-13 victory over Tennessee in the first-ever meeting between the two schools at Neyland Stadium.

James carried 16 times in his first action of the year after being suspended for the season opener, while Remene Alston Jr. added 40 yards and Thomas chipped in with 34 on the ground as the Ducks (2-0) churned out 245 rushing yards to improve to 4-4 all-time against the SEC.

Thomas completed 17-of-32 passes in his second college start for the Ducks, who were runaway 72-0 winners in their opener over New Mexico State.

Tauren Poole carried 23 times for 162 yards and a score, and Matt Simms completed 15-of-29 throws for 151 yards in a losing cause for the Volunteers (1-1), who are 14-14-3 against current members of the Pac-10.

Tennessee scored on the first possession of the game, driving 50 yards in seven plays and getting a 48-yard field goal from Daniel Lincoln to take the lead less than four minutes into the contest.

Oregon fumbled the ensuing kickoff and the Vols recovered at the Ducks' 43-yard line. After the drive stalled at the 17, Lincoln came on to boot a 35-yard field goal to push the lead to 6-0.

Oregon took the lead for good just under five minutes into the third quarter on a highlight-reel run by James, who started right, reversed his field, tightroped the left sideline, shed a tackle at the Vols' 20, and made it to the end zone just as he was tripped up. The play was reviewed to see whether or not he had stepped out of bounds but stood as called on the field for a 72-yard score, the longest of his career.

Tennessee advanced to the Ducks' 27 before Cliff Harris picked off Simms in the right flat and weaved his way 76 yards to paydirt with just under 6 1/2 minutes left in the third to make it a 27-13 game.

"I was real disappointed from then on with how we competed," said Tennessee head coach Derek Dooley. "You would have thought we were down 40."

Oregon then put the game away with two touchdowns in the first 3½ minutes of the final stanza.

Thomas' 30-yard scoring strike to Lavasier Tuinei finished off a six-play, 59-yard drive 1½ minutes into the frame and a 79-yard punt return by Kenjon Barner removed any doubt about the outcome.

The Ducks added one final touchdown on a 2-yard run by Alston with just under four minutes remaining in the game.

James returns and runs wild as Ducks prevail in SEC territory

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	3	10	14	21	48
Tennessee	6	7	0	0	13

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon 447
Tennessee 333

PASSING YARDS

Oregon 202
Tennessee 151

RUSHING YARDS

Oregon 245
Tennessee 182

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	17/32	202	6.3	2	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	16	134	8.4	1	72
R. Alston	9	40	4.4	1	8
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Paulson	4	61	15.3	1	27
J. Maehl	5	50	10.0	0	17

Player of the game

Cliff Harris, CB

The Oregon defense was strong late. Harris, coming off a two-touchdown game on punt returns the week before, sealed the game with a 75-yard pick-six late in the third. The touchdown put the Ducks up by two scores.

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STAY FOCUSED: Coach Chip Kelly rallied the troops during the uneven contest.

Game #3 | September 18, 2010

Oregon vs. Portland St.

OREGON **PORTLAND ST.**

Darron Thomas threw four touchdowns and LaMichael James scored twice on the ground as fifth-ranked Oregon ripped Portland State, 69-0, at Autzen Stadium.

Thomas completed 9-of-18 passes for 140 yards and James posted a career-high 227 yards on 14 carries for the Ducks (3-0), who topped New Mexico and Tennessee in previous weeks and cruised to victory by setting a school record with 528 yards on the ground.

"It was a little wet but we ran the ball well and opened up the passing game," said Thomas. "We've got to work hard, get better."

Jeff Maehl recorded 82 receiving yards and two scores on three catches, while Remene Alston Jr., Nate Costa, and Josh Huff added a rushing TD each.

Connor Kavanaugh was 8-of-21 for 18 yards and one interception for the Vikings (1-2), coming off a win over UC-Davis. Tygue Howland was 4-of-11 for 48 yards and a pick in relief.

"We're very disappointed," said Portland State head coach Nigel Burton. "In the end it was more mental breakdowns than physical breakdowns. I expected us to execute better than we did."

Cory McCaffrey was limited to 28 yards on the ground and Julius Thomas hauled in four balls for 48 yards.

Oregon continued its home domination with three touchdowns in the opening quarter.

James broke free for a 66-yard touchdown run, and Thomas hit Maehl on a 47-yard scoring pass before the two connected again on a 7-yard TD.

James opened the second quarter for the Ducks with a 35-yard touchdown run, and it was 35-0 for Oregon on a 12-yard hookup between Thomas and Daryle Hawkins.

Rob Beard hit a 27-yard field goal, then a 45-point half was capped when Thomas found Malachi Lewis for an 8-yard TD pass.

In the third quarter, Beard made a 41-yard try, Costa scored on a 4-yard run, and Huff added an 18-yard dash for a score which made it 62-0. Alston punctuated the period and the scoring with a 20-yard run to paydirt.

Ducks notch second shutout of the young season

	1	2	3	4	T
Portland St.	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	21	24	24	0	69

TOTAL YARDS

Portland St. 140
Oregon 668

PASSING YARDS

Portland St. 66
Oregon 140

RUSHING YARDS

Portland St. 74
Oregon 528

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	9/18	140	7.8	4	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	14	227	16.2	2	66
A. Reed	12	95	7.9	0	36
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	3	82	27.3	2	47
D.J. Davis	1	13	13.0	0	13

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DEVIL OF A TIME: The Oregon defense forced seven turnovers but also allowed almost 600 yards.

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Game #4 | September 25, 2010

Oregon at Arizona St.

Darron Thomas threw for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another score as fifth-ranked Oregon opened its Pac-10 slate with a 42-31 win over Arizona State at Sun Devil Stadium.

LaMichael James rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown for the Ducks (4-0, 1-0 Pac-10), who beat the Sun Devils for a sixth straight time. Thomas finished 19-of-33 for 260 yards with two TDs and an interception.

Steven Threet connected on 30-of-53 passes for 387 yards with three TDs and four interceptions for Arizona State (2-2, 0-1), which had seven turnovers. Deantre Lewis rushed 11 times for 127 yards and a score for the Sun Devils, who had nearly 600 yards of total offense.

"We gave up way too many big plays on defense and it just really hurts in the first half," ASU coach Dennis Erickson said. "Then we started the second half and we had the turnovers, the fumble that gave them the go-ahead in the second half, and then all the interceptions that we had. There were a lot of things happening in that football game I haven't seen in a long time."

Thomas threw 12 yards to Jeff Maehl for a TD with 2:21 left in the second quarter, getting Oregon within 24-21. Following a punt, Thomas threw 61 yards to David Paulson, setting up Thomas' go-ahead 4-yard scoring run with 48 seconds remaining in the half.

The problems continued for ASU as Cameron Marshall fumbled at the Oregon 2, and Thomas threw a 54-yard TD pass to Josh Huff with 8:12 to go in the third.

"That was a momentum swing," Oregon coach Chip Kelly said. "We got even and got back up, like against Tennessee. We kind of weathered the storm. We felt it would be like that. We knew we would have a great crowd and great atmosphere out here."

Marshall fumbled again later in the third and Boseko Lokombo rumbled 31 yards to the end zone.

Threet threw 15 yards to Mike Willie for a score with 2:25 left in the third, but turnovers continued to plague ASU.

Oregon 'weathered the storm,' pushes past Arizona State

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	14	14	14	0	42
Arizona St.	7	17	7	0	31

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon 405
Arizona St. 597

PASSING YARDS

Oregon 260
Arizona St. 387

RUSHING YARDS

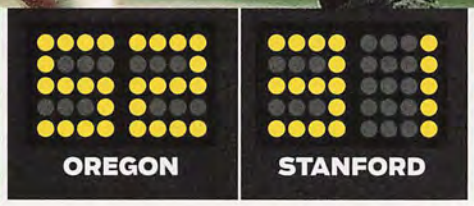
Oregon 145
Arizona St. 210

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	19/33	260	7.9	2	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	28	114	4.1	1	40
D. Thomas	4	18	4.5	1	7
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Paulson	2	76	38.0	0	61
D.J. Davis	5	54	10.8	0	17

Game #5 | October 2, 2010

Oregon vs. Stanford



Darron Thomas passed for 238 yards and three touchdowns while running for 117 yards and another score as fourth-ranked Oregon used a dominant second half to down No. 9 Stanford, 52-31, at Autzen Stadium.

LaMichael James ran for a career-high 257 yards and three touchdowns for Oregon (5-0, 2-0 Pac-10), which allowed 31 points in the first half and looked to be in trouble. But the Ducks entered the game having allowed just seven second-half points all season, and continued that trend by shutting out Stanford over the final two quarters.

"We knew we just had to find a way to overcome the deficit," James said. "We were down, but we always feel that something will eventually happen for us. We practice fast and feel confident with the tempo that we play and it eventually worked for us."

Thomas completed 20-of-29 passes and was intercepted twice, while James carried the ball 31 times and punctuated the victory with a 76-yard touchdown run.

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck

"We knew we just had to find a way to overcome the deficit. We were down, but we always feel that something will eventually happen for us."
— LaMichael James

Kirby Lee/US Presswire

UNFLAPPABLE: In another come-from-behind win, Darron Thomas (left) was the calm in the center of a Stanford storm.

threw for 341 yards and two touchdowns on 29-of-46 passing. He was also picked off twice for the Cardinal (4-1, 1-1), who were aiming for their first 5-0 start since 1951.

Stanford began the second half with the ball, looking to expand its 31-24 advantage, but had to punt. The Ducks evened the game on the ensuing drive.

Oregon progressed into Stanford territory and Thomas ran for a 17-yard gain. A 5-yard personal-foul penalty moved the ball to the 6, and Thomas found the end zone on the next play. He ran to the right side and used a fake lateral to throw off defenders before crossing the goal line with 8:20 left.

Oregon then got a break during Stanford's next drive. Cardinal receiver Chris Owusu caught a pass near midfield but fumbled after colliding with a Ducks defender. Oregon safety Eddie Pleasant picked up the loose ball and was running up the left sideline before being knocked out of bounds by Luck at the 3.

Owusu appeared to be knocked out and lay still as he was attended to by trainers. He was helped off the field and looked stunned on the sideline.

Meanwhile, James got into the end zone on the first play of the ensuing drive for a 38-31 lead.

Stanford looked to answer quickly, as Luck tried a deep pass to begin the Cardinals' next drive. But the throw was off the mark, and Oregon cornerback Cliff Harris hauled in the ball to give the Ducks offense another chance.

Harris picked off Luck again in the back of the end zone with a little more than two minutes to play, and James' 76-yard TD dash with 1:10 left put the game away.

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Matthews, defense hold Stanford to scoreless second half as Ducks roar back

	1	2	3	4	T
Stanford	21	10	0	0	31
Oregon	3	21	14	14	52

TOTAL YARDS

Stanford	518
Oregon	626

PASSING YARDS

Stanford	341
Oregon	238

RUSHING YARDS

Stanford	177
Oregon	388

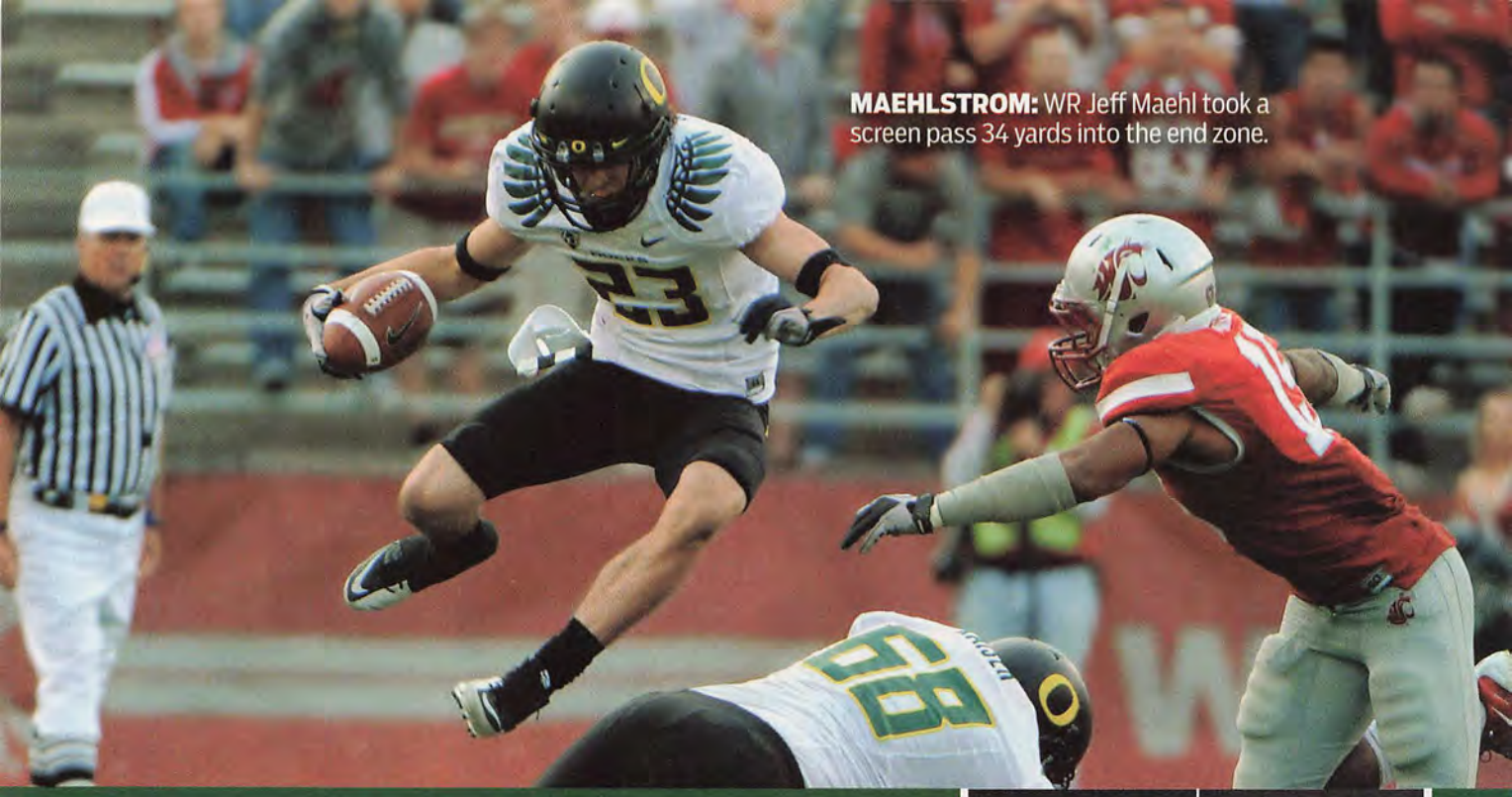
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	20/29	238	8.2	3	2
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	31	257	8.3	3	76
D. Thomas	15	117	7.8	1	22
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Huff	5	64	12.8	1	41
D.J. Davis	6	64	10.7	1	25

Player of the game

Casey Matthews, LB

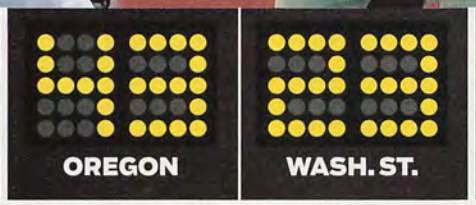
The brother of Green Bay star Clay Matthews III and son of Pro Bowler Clay Matthews Jr., Casey put his talent on full display against the Sun Devils. He led the Ducks' opportunistic defense, recording four solo tackles, an interception, and a fumble recovery in the win.



MAEHLSTROM: WR Jeff Maehl took a screen pass 34 yards into the end zone.

Game #6 | October 9, 2010

Oregon at Washington St.



LaMichael James carried the ball 25 times for 136 yards and two touchdowns, and also added a receiving touchdown as third-ranked Oregon outlasted Washington State, 43-23.

Darron Thomas completed 8-of-12 passes for 153 yards and a score before leaving with an apparent shoulder injury. Nate Costa came on to go 13-for-15 for 151 yards and a touchdown for the Ducks (6-0, 3-0 Pac-10), who are off to their first 6-0 start since 2002.

Jeff Maehl made 10 catches for 119 yards and a score while James made two grabs for 87 yards for Oregon, which has won six of the last seven meetings and now leads the all-time series 43-38-7.

Jeff Tuel connected on 25-of-40 throws for 245 yards and a touchdown while Jared Karstetter caught 10 passes for 106 yards for the Cougars (1-5, 0-3), who have lost four straight games.

The Ducks scored on their first possession of the game, marching 80 yards on 13 plays in less than four minutes to take the lead on James' 1-yard scoring run and Dion Jordan's run for the two-point conversion.

James Montgomery's 26-yard scoring run capped an eight-play, 70-yard drive that pulled the Cougars to within 8-7 with 4½ minutes to go in the opening quarter.

Kenjon Barner fumbled on the ensuing kickoff after a hard hit and the hosts recovered at the Ducks' 6-yard line. The sophomore running back was down on the field for almost 10 minutes before walking off under his own power. He was then taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

The teams traded third-quarter touchdowns, as Costa ran in from 18 yards away to extend the lead to 19 before Tuel tossed an 11-yard touchdown to Daniel Blackledge to make it 36-23 with just over 4½ minutes remaining.

Thomas' 30-yard scoring strike to Lavasier Tuinei finished off a six-play, 59-yard drive 1½ minutes into the frame and a 79-yard punt return by Kenjon Barner removed any doubt about the outcome.

Injuries to Thomas and Barner don't derail Ducks

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	**15**	**14**	**7**	**7**	**43**
Wash. St.	**14**	**3**	**6**	**0**	**23**

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon	556
Wash. St.	336

PASSING YARDS

Oregon	304
Wash. St.	245

RUSHING YARDS

Oregon	252
Wash. St.	91

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	8/12	153	12.8	1	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	25	136	5.4	2	55
N. Costa	8	84	10.5	1	43
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	10	119	11.9	1	34
L. James	2	87	43.5	1	84

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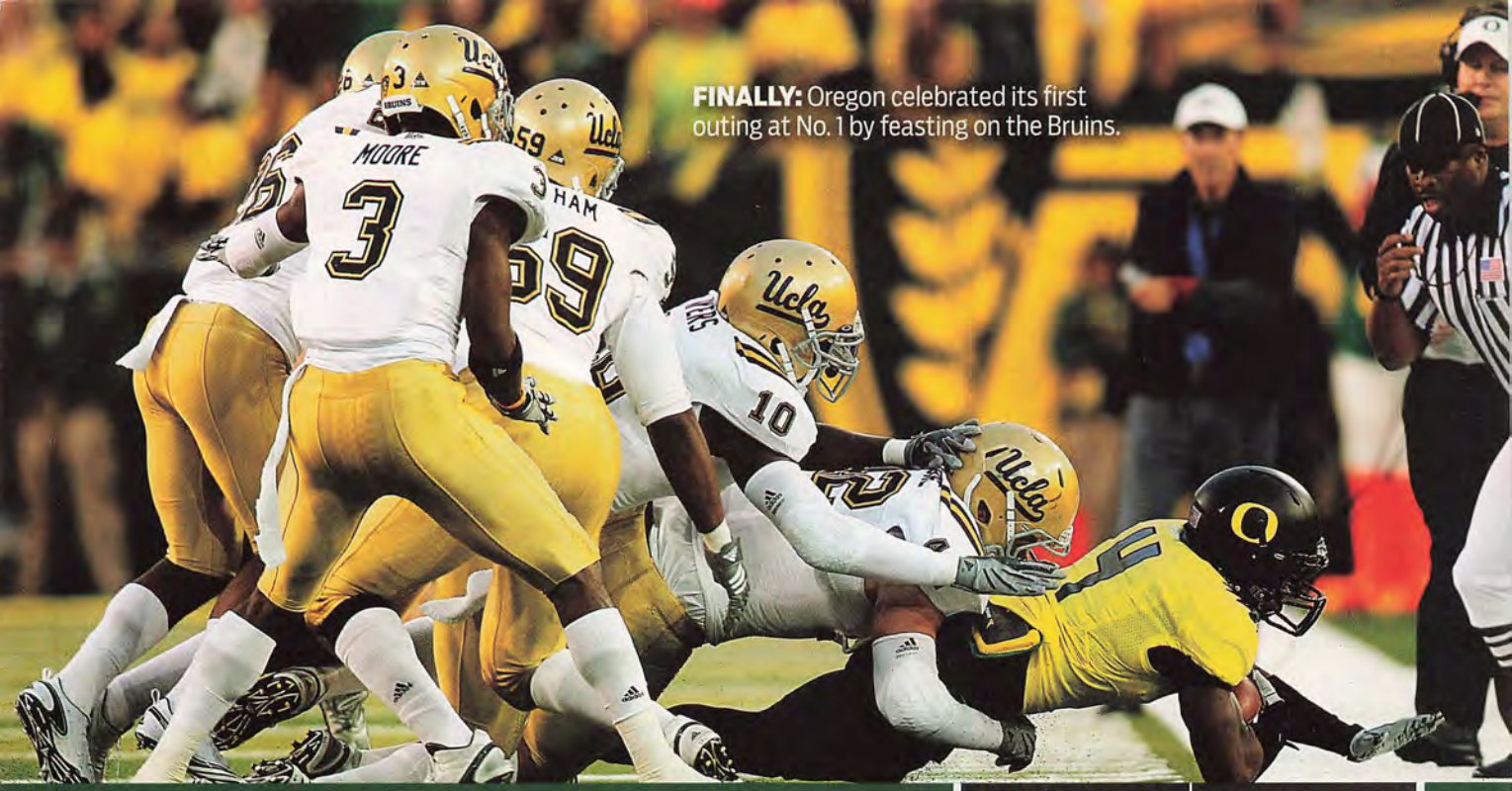

FINALLY: Oregon celebrated its first outing at No. 1 by feasting on the Bruins.

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Game #7 | October 21, 2010

Oregon vs. UCLA

Darron Thomas threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns and Heisman candidate LaMichael James ran for 123 yards and two touchdowns as top-ranked Oregon looked the part in a 60-13 thumping of UCLA.

The Ducks (7-0, 4-0 Pac-10) amassed 582 total yards—15 more than their season average. Five different players scored and individual highlights were the norm. Remene Alston Jr. ran for 75 yards and three touchdowns and Jeff Maehl caught eight passes for 107 yards and a score in the victory.

The Ducks are celebrating their first No. 1 ranking in school history and improved to 7-0 for the first time since starting 8-0 in 1933.

UCLA (3-4, 1-3) totaled just 290 yards and was overmatched by Oregon's offensive speed and depth.

Richard Brehaut threw for 159 yards on 16-of-23 passing with an interception and ran for the Bruins' lone touchdown.

"Our receivers made some amazing catches today," Thomas said. "The key was that the offensive line did a tremendous job blocking for the running game and giving me time to make the proper reads."

The Ducks wasted little time, moving 90 yards in under two minutes for the game's first points. Thomas completed three 20-plus-yard passes and James slashed inside the tackles and found the end zone from 8 yards out.

After a Bruins punt, the quick-striking Ducks moved at ease, taking out large chunks of yardage at a time. Just two of the 10 plays were passes. Alston plunged home from a yard out and the subsequent two-point conversion opened a 15-point edge.

The Bruins tried to move the football and kill the clock, finding their first points on Kai Forbath's 25-yard chip shot. UCLA kept the football on the ground for the march's final 10 plays.

Undeterred, the Ducks navigated 55 yards in 27 seconds to pile on. James gashed the defense for 27 yards and Thomas finished the series with a 22-yard strike to Josh Huff. At that point the Ducks were up 22-3, and the outcome was in little doubt.

Oregon lives up to No. 1 ranking, pounds Bruins

	1	2	3	4	T
UCLA	0	3	3	7	13
Oregon	15	17	14	14	60

TOTAL YARDS

UCLA 290
Oregon 582

PASSING YARDS

UCLA 159
Oregon 312

RUSHING YARDS

UCLA 131
Oregon 270

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
R. Brehaut	16/23	159	6.9	0	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	20	123	6.2	2	27
R. Alston	8	75	9.4	3	42
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	8	107	13.4	1	42
D. Paulson	4	62	15.5	1	24

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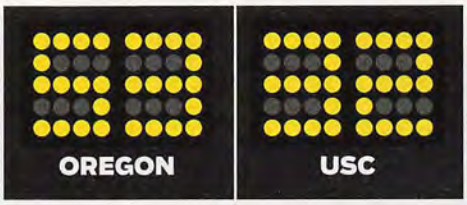
Game #8 | October 30, 2010

Oregon at USC



ROCK THE COLISEUM: Offensive stars Jeff Maehl (left) and LaMichael James (right) led the Ducks to their first win at USC since 2000.

LaMichael James rushed for 239 yards and three touchdowns and Darron Thomas threw three of his four TDs to Jeff Maehl. The No. 1 Oregon Ducks were too much for the 24th-ranked USC Trojans, scoring the final 24 points en route to a 53-32 triumph at the Coliseum.

The trio was part of a prolific offense that outgained the Trojans 599-377 as the Ducks (8-0, 5-0 Pac-10) matched a school record for most consecutive victories to start a season.

"The good part of this team is we always push through, even when we're fighting through adversity," Oregon linebacker Casey Matthews said.

Thomas completed 19-of-32 throws for 288 yards, 145 of which went to Maehl on eight hookups.

USC (5-3, 2-3), playing its first game against a top-ranked foe since 1992, failed to do much offensively after scoring two touchdowns in the first four minutes of the second half.

Matt Barkley completed 26-of-49 throws for 264 yards with two interceptions and a TD toss to Ronald Johnson. Marc Tyler rushed for two scores in the loss, the Trojans' third in their last four games.

The Trojans quickly erased a 29-17 halftime deficit in the third. Jurrell Casey picked off Thomas on the fourth play from scrimmage at the Oregon 21-yard line, and two plays later, Johnson settled down between a pair of defenders and hauled in a 5-yard score.

USC forced a rare three-and-out from the Ducks, and Johnson's 55-yard punt return set up a Barkley 1-yard plunge just 3:41 in. Johnson caught a two-point conversion after the TD for a 32-29 edge.

Oregon answered with a 12-play, 69-yard march that featured four third-down conversions, including Maehl's go-ahead score on third-and-13 from the 30.

James carried the load on another lengthy drive later in the third, capping the 82-yard march with a 2-yard spurt with just over a minute remaining in the quarter for a 43-32 cushion.

USC opted to go for the first down on fourth-and-9 from the Oregon 40 early in the fourth, and Barkley's pass to Jordan Cameron was stopped short of the marker.

John Boyett sealed the win with an interception of Barkley in the end zone, and James, on his 36th carry, put the finishing touches on his terrific game with an 8-yard TD run.

"The good part of this team is we always push through, even when we're fighting through adversity." — Casey Matthews

Thomas puts up 4 TDs, destroys USC's upset chances

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	8	21	14	10	53
USC	10	7	15	0	32

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon 599
USC 377

PASSING YARDS

Oregon 288
USC 264

RUSHING YARDS

Oregon 311
USC 113

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	19/32	288	9.0	4	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	36	239	6.6	3	45
D. Thomas	8	42	5.3	0	21
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	8	145	18.1	3	45
L. Tuinei	7	78	11.1	1	33

Player of the game

Jeff Maehl, WR

Maehl was Thomas' favorite target, with eight catches for 145 yards and three touchdowns. In what may have been the play of the game, Maehl had a 30-yard highlight-reel catch on the first play after a key Trojans turnover.

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Game #9 | November 6, 2010

Oregon vs. Washington

OREGON

WASHINGTON

LaMichael James ran for 121 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries to help top-ranked Oregon beat Washington, 53-16.

Darron Thomas connected on 24-of-33 passes for 243 yards and one touchdown for the Ducks (9-0, 6-0 Pac-10), who are off to the best start in school history. The 1933 squad won its first eight games before losing at USC.

Thomas added a pair of scores on the ground for Oregon, which has won 15 consecutive games at home.

Freshman quarterback Keith Price, starting in place of Jake Locker, who was unavailable because of a broken rib, threw for 127 yards and a touchdown on 14-of-28 efficiency for the Huskies (3-6, 2-4), who dropped their third straight game.

"I thought (Price) battled and competed," said Washington head coach Steve Sarkisian. "There's always going to be plays where I wish our guys could have bailed him out a little and helped him out. There were a couple drops here and there. There's going to be plays when he sees the film, he wishes he could have back. But for his first start, on the road, at Autzen Stadium, against the No. 1 team in the country, I'll take his effort."

Washington shut out the nation's

"They came out hard, but we wore them down." — Chip Kelly

Steve Dykes/Getty Images

STILL PERFECT: After a rough first half, the Ducks prevailed by wearing down a weary Washington team.

most explosive offensive team in the first quarter. The Ducks entered play averaging 54.9 points and 572.9 total yards.

After punting twice and turning the ball over on downs at the Washington 38-yard line, Oregon's fourth drive resulted in a 29-yard Rob Beard field goal just under two minutes into the second quarter.

The Huskies looked to even things up on their next possession, but Erik Folk missed a 52-yard field goal.

Washington quickly got the ball back as Thomas fumbled on the second play of the ensuing drive. Kalani Aldrich's recovery set the Huskies up at the Oregon 36, and Folk drilled a 52-yarder this time to tie the game with 8:44 remaining.

Oregon regained the lead 3½ minutes later on a 1-yard plunge by James into the end zone. His 15th rushing touchdown of the season capped a 10-play drive, and a two-point conversion made it 11-3.

The Ducks' lead grew to 15 on 34-yard TD run by Thomas with 1:37 remaining before Folk kicked a 27-yarder to trim Washington's deficit to 18-6 at halftime.

"You have to give (Sarkisian) a lot of credit, they came out hard, but we wore them down," said Oregon head coach Chip Kelly.

An 80-yard return by Josh Huff in the third quarter set up a six-yard TD reception by Jeff Maehl. James and Thomas both added rushing touchdowns in the Ducks' 21-point third.

Oregon continued to pull away in the fourth quarter on touchdowns run by James and Kenjon Barner.

Huskies' backup QB can't keep up with high-powered Ducks

	1	2	3	4	T
Washington	0	6	0	10	16
Oregon	0	18	21	14	53

TOTAL YARDS

Washington 263
Oregon 522

PASSING YARDS

Washington 127
Oregon 243

RUSHING YARDS

Washington 136
Oregon 279

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	24/33	243	7.4	2	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	26	121	4.7	3	16
D. Thomas	12	89	7.4	2	34
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	7	71	10.1	1	21
D. Davis	2	57	28.5	0	38

Player of the game

LaMichael James, RB

James again showed that he is among college football's best, totaling 121 yards on 26 carries and scoring three times. On James' second TD of the afternoon, he added to his already spectacular highlight reel, bouncing off defenders before finally breaking outside for the 14-yard score.

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Game #10 | November 13, 2010

Oregon at California

The top-ranked Oregon Ducks had scored at least 42 points in each of their first nine games. But on a day when the offense wasn't clicking, the defense and special teams came through to keep their national title hopes alive.

Cliff Harris returned a punt 64 yards for a touchdown in the first half, and the Ducks' (10-0, 7-0 Pac-10) defense stopped California on what proved to be a crucial two-point conversion attempt in a 15-13 win over the Golden Bears to remain unbeaten.

Darron Thomas threw for 149 yards and a touchdown on 14-of-28 passing for the Ducks, who are 10-0 for the first time in team history. LaMichael James became the second-leading rusher in school history with 71 yards on 23 carries, and Jeff Maehl caught five passes for 84 yards and a score.

Oregon, which led 8-7 following a low-scoring first half, forced Vereen to fumble the ball away on the second play from scrimmage in the second half. The Ducks recovered at the opposing 29, and Thomas threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Maehl on the next play for a 15-7 advantage.

Rob Beard missed a 48-yard field goal that would have given the Ducks a two-possession lead, and the offense

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DEFENSE SAVES IT: Jeff Maehl (left and above) scored the only offensive TD in a game where the Ducks' defense shined.

began at its 12 following a punt from Cal with just over nine minutes left in the third.

Thomas went back to pass, but Derrick Hill swatted the ball out of his hand as he went through his throwing motion; the ball bounced back into the end zone, and Hill recovered it for a Bears touchdown and two-point game.

Attempting to tie the game, Mansion's pass play failed, and Oregon maintained its slim lead.

On the Bears' next possession, they got all the way down to the Ducks' four before facing a fourth-and-5 from the 7. Tavecchio lined up for the field goal, which he hit from 24 yards away, but the referees negated it with an illegal motion penalty on Tavecchio, who did not reset after he began to run prior to the snap.

Cal still had an opportunity to take a one-point lead, but Tavecchio's 29-yard attempt sailed wide right.

The Bears' next drive wasn't nearly as successful, and they punted the ball away with 9½ minutes to go. The Ducks were able to run off the remainder of the clock, converting four third downs on the ensuing series, including a game-sealing, 7-yard run by James on third-and-5 from the Cal 19.

Ducks survive squeaker on the road, keep unbeaten season alive

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	0	8	7	0	15
Cal	7	0	6	0	13

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon	317
Cal	193

PASSING YARDS

Oregon	155
Cal	69

RUSHING YARDS

Oregon	162
Cal	124

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	15/29	155	5.3	1	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	29	91	3.1	0	13
K. Barmer	8	40	5.0	0	8
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	5	84	16.8	1	29
D. Davis	4	42	10.5	0	15

Player of the game

Cliff Harris, CB

With Oregon's highly-touted offense struggling, Cliff Harris provided the big play the Ducks needed to keep their national championship hopes alive with a 64-yard punt return midway through the second quarter. The Ducks would tack on a two-point conversion to take the lead and hang on for the victory.

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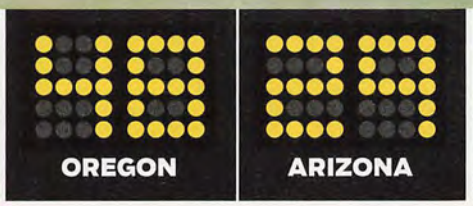
Game #11 | November 26, 2010

Oregon at Arizona



Darron Thomas threw for three touchdowns and ran in another, and the Oregon Ducks showed why they are the top-ranked team in the country in the second half of a 48-29 win over No. 20 Arizona.

Oregon (11-0, 8-0 Pac-10) trailed at halftime before scoring five touchdowns in the final 30 minutes to secure the Pac-10 title for the second consecutive year.

The unheralded Thomas shook off an early interception and completed 14-of-24 passes for 148 yards while gaining 62 yards for a ground game that amassed 389 yards. Heisman Trophy hopeful LaMichael James added 126 yards and two scores on 28 carries for the Ducks, winners of 16 straight at Autzen Stadium.

"Oregon State is going to be a big test, the Civil War. We'll be mentally prepared for a big game. I know Oregon State is going to come out and try to stop us from accomplishing our goal." — Darron Thomas

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BREAKING IT OPEN: Oregon trailed at the half, but Josh Huff's 85-yard TD (left) was the first of five second-half touchdowns.

The Ducks, the No. 1 team in the BCS standings for the past four weeks, can wrap up a trip to the national championship game with a win at Oregon State next Saturday.

"Oregon State is going to be a big test, the Civil War," Thomas said looking ahead. "We'll be mentally prepared for a big game. I know Oregon State is going to come out and try to stop us from accomplishing our goal."

Nick Foles started strong but failed to move the chains with consistency, throwing for 448 yards with three touchdowns and an interception on 29-of-54 efficiency in the Wildcats' (7-4, 4-4) third straight loss.

Arizona controlled the time of possession in the first half and the Ducks again found themselves down at the break, 19-14, but it didn't take long for them to turn things around.

Arizona went three-and-out on the second half's opening possession, and the hosts took the lead on the second play of the next series.

"We came out at halftime and did what we pride ourselves on doing. It's about battling and playing until the end of the game," Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said. "We knew it would be a battle; it was an unbelievable football game. You're going to make mistakes, it's a battle, but you just have to play until the end. This team just knows it's not over until the final gun."

Second half firestorm keeps Oregon unbeaten heading into Civil War

	1	2	3	4	T
Arizona	14	5	3	7	29
Oregon	7	7	20	14	48

TOTAL YARDS

Arizona 506
Oregon 537

PASSING YARDS

Arizona 448
Oregon 148

RUSHING YARDS

Arizona 58
Oregon 389

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	14/24	148	6.2	3	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	28	126	4.5	2	37
J. Huff	3	103	34.3	1	85
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Paulson	3	48	16.0	1	38
D. Davis	3	31	10.3	1	15

Player of the game

Darron Thomas, QB

Despite not posting huge numbers Thomas led his team to a key victory. Early, he battled back and forth with Arizona's star QB Nick Foles. Late in the third, he put Oregon on top for the first time with a 20-yard TD run and never looked back. He finished with 148 yards passing and 3 touchdowns, and 64 yards rushing with a TD.

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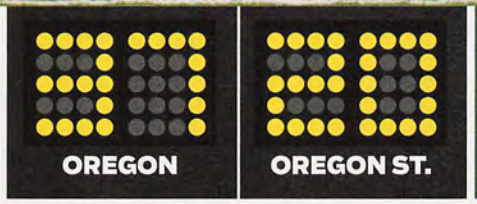
Game #12 | December 4, 2010

Oregon at Oregon State



Darron Thomas threw two touchdown passes and the top-ranked Oregon Ducks punched their ticket to the BCS title game with a 37-20 win over Oregon State in the 114th chapter of the Civil War.

The national title game will now be between Oregon and Auburn, as the Tigers dominated South Carolina on Saturday. It is the first time that Oregon will be in a national title game as the contest will take place on January 10 in Glendale, Arizona.

"We're not going to play a national championship right now, we're going to prepare for one," said Oregon head coach Chip Kelly. "And we'll play the game on the 10th (of January). But we got to this point we're at now by our preparation and we know we're going to have to go to work for the next month to show up on the 10th. And that's what these are all about, they

"I'm going to celebrate this win. I'm going to ride this one for about three days. We don't have a game for a while. I'm going to enjoy this, it was a big one."

— LaMichael James

Jason O. Watson/US Presswire

THEY CAN TASTE IT: Even the Oregon mascot knew that the Civil War victory meant a BCS championship bid was locked up.

understand the task at hand and they accept it heartily."

The Ducks (12-0, 9-0 Pac-10) took the Pac-10 outright with the win while the Beavers (5-7, 4-5) came into the contest needing to win to become bowl eligible and avoid its first losing season since 2005.

LaMichael James had 28 carries for 134 yards and two scores and Kenjon Barner added 133 yards with a score on 15 carries and also caught a touchdown pass for Oregon, which now has a 58-46-10 advantage in the Civil War series. Thomas finished 14-for-24 with 145 yards.

"I'm going to celebrate this win," said James. "I'm going to ride this one for about three days. We don't have a game for a while. I'm going to enjoy this, it was a big one."

Ryan Katz totaled 224 yards on 23-of-40 passing with two scores and three interceptions for Oregon State, which dropped four of its final five games of the season. Jacquizz Rodgers had 87 yards on 22 carries and five catches for 20 yards and a score. Markus Wheaton had 10 catches for 137 yards and a TD.

"I felt like we should have moved the ball consistently all day," said Oregon State head coach Mike Riley. "I'm disappointed in that, and I'm not going to like the film. I think we had opportunities and we weren't just quite good enough, in-sync, to finish those plays off."

Strong ground game helps Oregon win Civil War, clinch spot in BCS title game

	1	2	3	4	T
Oregon	6	10	7	14	37
Oregon St.	7	0	3	10	20

TOTAL YARDS

Oregon 491
Oregon St. 319

PASSING YARDS

Oregon 145
Oregon St. 229

RUSHING YARDS

Oregon 346
Oregon St. 90

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
D. Thomas	14/24	145	6.0	2	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
L. James	28	134	4.8	2	31
K. Barmer	15	133	8.9	1	23
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
J. Maehl	7	86	12.3	0	26
D. Davis	3	47	15.7	1	21

Player of the game

Kenjon Barner, RB

Barner and LaMichael James did what they did all season for Oregon—provide a big play when the Ducks needed it the most. After Oregon State took a quick 7-0 lead, Barner responded with a touchdown reception and later addded a TD run to help put the game away.

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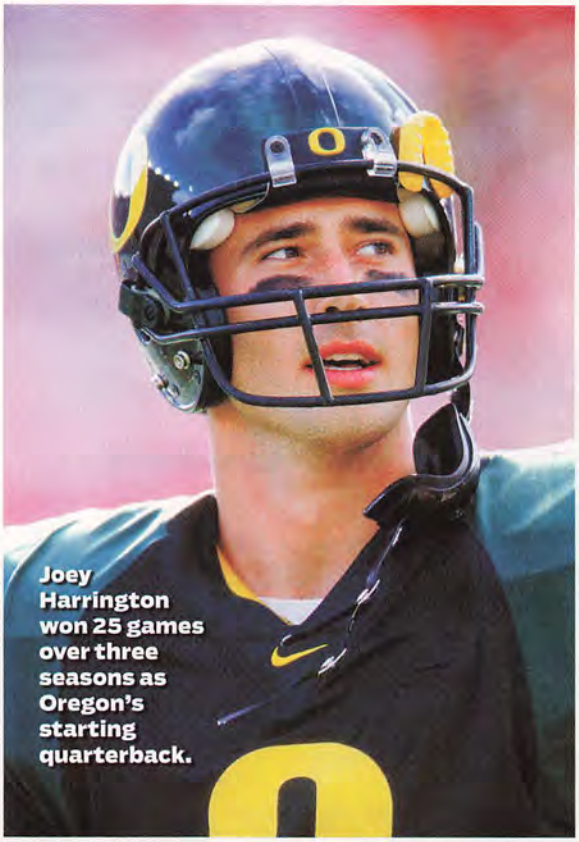
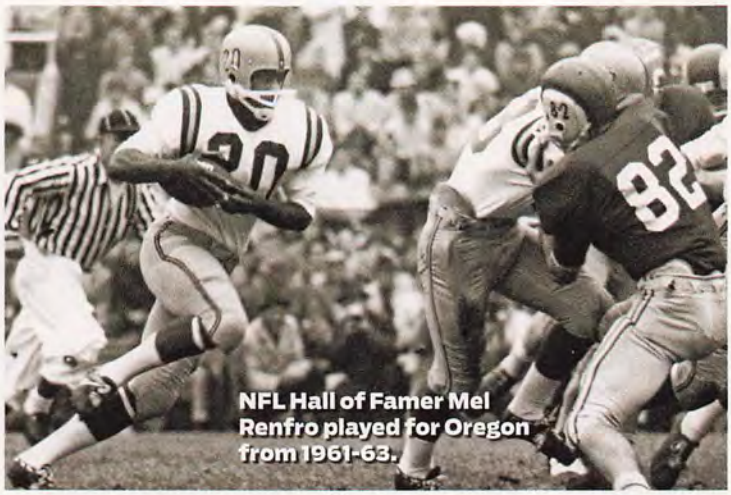
OREGON DUCKS
TEAM HISTORY



Joey Harrington won 25 games over three seasons as Oregon's starting quarterback.

Although national prominence is new for the Oregon football team, the Ducks have some proud traditions. In 1915 Oregon was a founding member of the Pac-10 Conference (originally the Pacific Coast Conference), alongside the University of California, the University of Washington, and what's now known as Oregon State University. A highlight of every season's schedule is the Civil War game against Oregon State. which began in 1894 and is the seventh-oldest college football rivalry game. The Ducks own nine conference titles and boast a .541 winning percentage with a 9-14 bowl record.



NFL Hall of Famer Mel Renfro played for Oregon from 1961-63.

Receiving yards, career

Player	Year	Rec	Yds	TD
1. Samie Parker	2000-03	178	**2761**	19
2. Tony Hartley	1996-99	160	**2744**	22
3. Keenan Howry	1999-02	173	**2698**	24
4. Demetrius Williams	2002-05	162	**2660**	20
5. Jaison WIlliams	2005-08	174	**2546**	21

Rushing yards, career

Player	Year	Car	Yds	TD
1. Derek Loville	1986-89	811	**3444**	41
2. Jonathan Stewart	2005-07	516	**3037**	27
3. Terrence Whitehead	2002-05	612	**2981**	18
4. Sean Burwell	1990-93	668	**2940**	21
5. Ricky Whittle	1992-95	590	**2747**	22

Passing yards, career

Player	Year	Pct.	TD	Yds
1. Bill Musgrave	1987-90	57.4	60	**8343**
2. Danny O'Neil	1991-94	56.2	62	**8301**
3. Kellen Clemens	2002-05	60.9	61	**7555**
4. Joey Harrington	1998-01	55.2	59	**6911**
5. Chris Miller	1983-86	55.2	42	**6681**

Individual records

Category	Player	#	Year
Most TDs (game)	Saladin McCullough	5	1996
Most rushes (game)	Reuben Droughns	45	1999
Most rush yards (game)	Onterrio Smith	285	2001
Most rushing TDs (game)	Saladin McCullough	5	1996
Most receptions (game)	Samie Parker	16	2003
Most reception yards (game)	Tony Hartley	242	1998
Most reception TDs (game)	Keenan Howry	4	2001
Most passes (game)	Danny O'Neil	61	1995
Most passing yards (game)	Bill Musgrave	489	1989
Most TD passes (game)	Joey Harrington	6	2001
Best completion % (game)	Kellen Clemens	88.2	2003
Most punt return yards (game)	Keenan Howry	186	2001
Most punt return yards (season)	Michael Fletcher	532	1998
Most kickoff return yards (game)	Tony Cherry	240	1984
Most kickoff return yards (season)	Kenjon Barner	1020	2009
Most interceptions (game)	Steve Smith*	3	2002
Most interceptions (season)	George Shaw	13	1951
Most consecutive PATs (season)	Jared Siegel	54	2002
Most field goals (game)	Paul Martinez	6	2005
Most field goals (season)	Gregg McCallum	24	1989
Most field goals (career)	Jared Siegel	49	01-04
Most tackles (season)	Tom Graham	206	1969
Most sacks (season)	Nick Reed	13	2008

* most recent; tied with others

Autzen Stadium

Autzen was built in 1967 with a budget of approximately $2.5 million. It underwent a $90 million facelift in 2002 that increased the stadium's capacity from 41,698 to 54,000.

Head coaches since 1918

Years	Coach	W-L-T	Win %
1918-23	Charles "Shy" Huntington	26–12–6	.659
1924	Joe Maddock	4–3–2	.556
1925	Richard Smith	1–5–1	.214
1926-29	John McEwan	20–13–2	.600
1930-31	Clarence Spears	13–4–2	.737
1932-37	Prink Callison	33–23–2	.586
1938-41	Tex Oliver	16–18–2	.472
1942	John Warren	2–6	.250
1945-46	Tex Oliver	7–10–1	.417
1947-50	Jim Aiken	21–20	.512
1951-66	Len Casanova	82–73–8	.528
1967-71	Jerry Frei	22–29–2	.434
1972-73	Dick Enright	6–16	.273
1974-76	Don Read	9–24	.273
1977-94	Rich Brooks	91–109–4	.456
1995-08	Mike Bellotti	116–55	.678
2009-present	Chip Kelly	22–3	.880

Recent bowl history

Year	W-L-T	Bowl
1992	6-6	Independence Bowl, L 39-35, Wake Forest
1995	9-3	Rose Bowl, L 38-20, Penn St.
1996	6-5	Cotton Bowl, L 38-6, Colorado
1997	7-5	Las Vegas Bowl, W 41-13, Air Force
1998	8-4	Aloha Bowl, L 51-43, Colorado
1999	9-3	Sun Bowl, W 24-20, Minnesota
2000	10-2	Holiday Bowl, W 35-30, Texas
2001	11-1	Fiesta Bowl, W 38-16, Colorado
2002	7-6	Seattle Bowl, L 38-17, Wake Forest
2003	8-5	Sun Bowl, L 31-30, Minnesota
2005	10-2	Holiday Bowl, L 17-14, Oklahoma
2006	7-6	Las Vegas Bowl, L 38-8, BYU
2007	9-4	Sun Bowl, W 56-21, South Florida
2008	10-3	Holiday Bowl, W 42-31, Oklahoma St.
2009	10-3	Rose Bowl, L 26-17, Ohio St.
2010	12-0	BCS Championship vs. Auburn

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Game #1 | September 4, 2010

Auburn vs. Arkansas State

AUBURN	ARK. STATE
52	26

Junior quarterback Cameron Newton was impressive in his Auburn debut, throwing for three touchdowns and rushing for two more, as the 22nd-ranked Tigers dominated Arkansas State, 52-26, in the season opener for both schools.

Newton, a former Florida Gator who made a stop at a junior college last season, completed 9-of-14 passes for 186 yards. He also rushed for 171 yards on 15 carries for the Tigers, who went 8-5 last year and are nationally ranked to start a season for the seventh time in the last eight years.

"As the game kept going on, I felt my feet settling in," Newton said. "There were a lot of times I thought I could make plays with my feet because of the man coverage."

Michael Dyer carried the ball 14 times for 95 yards and a score. Mario Fannin hauled in four passes for 65 yards and two touchdowns, while Quindarius Carr caught two passes for 87 yards and score.

Ryan Aplin connected on 28-of-42 passes for 278 yards and one touchdown for the Red Wolves, who posted a 4-8 record last season, their worst

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— Cameron Newton

John Reed/US Presswire

LETHAL PAIR: Freshman Michael Dyer (left) and senior Mario Fannin (above) combined for three TDs in the win.

showing since going 3-8 in 2004.

Derek Lawson and Jermaine Robertson each ran for a score. Dwayne Frampton caught eight passes for 74 yards and a touchdown, while Allen Muse tallied 80 receiving yards on four catches.

"Offensively, it is the same stuff we've been seeing and we really played well at times, but they hit us with a bunch of big plays," Arkansas State defensive back M.D. Jennings said. "We have to run to the ball and get better tackles."

Arkansas State drew first blood with over five minutes to play in the first quarter. Frampton caught a 10-yard TD pass to cap a six-play, 82-yard drive, but the extra point was blocked.

Auburn responded with a touchdown of its own on the ensuing possession. Onterio McCalebb's 35-yard dash set up a 3-yard TD run by Kodi Burns.

Newton's 2-yard touchdown run early in the second frame gave Auburn a 21-6 margin. Arkansas State, though, fought right back with an eight-play, 55-yard drive that Robertson ended with a 13-yard TD run.

Lawson got the third quarter started with an 8-yard TD run to close the gap to 35-23, but the remainder of the game was dominated by the Tigers.

Dyer's 2-yard touchdown run in the early stages of the fourth made it a 52-23 game. Arkansas State made a 41-yard field in garbage time to account for the final score.

— Game recaps by The Sports Network

Newton makes powerful Tiger debut, nets five touchdowns

	1	2	3	4	T
Ark. State	6	10	7	3	26
Auburn	14	21	10	7	52

TOTAL YARDS

Ark. State	366
Auburn	608

PASSING YARDS

Ark. State	323
Auburn	241

RUSHING YARDS

Ark. State	43
Auburn	367

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	9/14	186	13.3	3	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	15	171	11.4	2	71
M. Dyer	14	95	6.8	1	20
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
Q. Carr	2	87	43.5	1	48
M. Fannin	4	65	16.3	2	38

Player of the game

Cameron Newton, QB
Newton ran for two scores and 117 yards and recorded three TDs through the air with 186 passing yards in his first game for Auburn.

Top: John Reed/US Presswire; John Reed/US Presswire

DEFENSIVE POWERHOUSE: The powerful Tiger defense held the Bulldogs to just 246 total yards.

Game #2 | September 9, 2010

Auburn at Mississippi State

Cameron Newton threw for a pair of touchdowns to help the 21st-ranked Auburn Tigers hold off the Mississippi State Bulldogs, 17-14.

Newton completed 11-of-19 passes for 136 yards and a pick for the Tigers (2-0, 1-0 SEC), who opened the year with a 52-26 victory over Arkansas State last weekend. Newton also rushed for 70 yards on 18 carries.

Onterio McCalebb carried the ball 12 times for 68 yards. Emory Blake and Darvin Adams each caught a TD pass.

Chris Relf connected on 12-of-25 passes for 110 yards for the Bulldogs (1-1, 0-1), who rolled past Memphis in the opener by a 49-7 final. Relf ran the ball 14 times for 26 yards.

"I'm proud of the effort our team played with," MSU coach Dan Mullen said. "They never stopped believing. We had every opportunity to win that ballgame."

Auburn's offense marched the ball right down the field on the opening possession of the game. The Tigers converted a fourth down during an eight-play drive that Blake capped off with a 39-yard TD catch.

Mississippi State punted the ball away for the second time in the first quarter. However, Auburn muffed the punt and the Bulldogs recovered the football at the Tigers' 20.

Faced with a second-and-goal from the two, Relf rushed to the right side and lost control of the ball. Gabe Jackson, though, fell on the ball in the end zone to give Mississippi State a touchdown.

On the third play of Auburn's ensuing drive, Newton was picked off by Nickoe Whitley in the end zone near the end of the first frame. The Bulldogs got to midfield before Tyler Russell was intercepted by defensive lineman Nick Fairley.

"It was an all-around night for us. My ends got pressure across the board," Fairley said. "I made them step up so I could make a couple plays. The defense overall, we did good."

The only scoring of the second half occurred on the first drive. Mississippi State marched down the field, and on the 12th play, Vick Ballard ran into the end zone from one yard out to make it 17-14.

Fairley's interception seals victory in back-and-forth game

	1	2	3	4	T
Auburn	7	10	0	0	17
Miss. State	7	0	7	0	14

TOTAL YARDS

Auburn 348
Miss. State 246

PASSING YARDS

Auburn 158
Miss. State 129

RUSHING YARDS

Auburn 190
Miss. State 117

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	11/19	136	57.9	2	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	18	70	3.9	0	17
O. McCalebb	12	68	5.7	0	15
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
E. Blake	2	39	19.5	1	39
D. Adams	3	38	12.7	1	18

Marvin Gentry/US Presswire

EYE OF THE TIGER: Onterio McCalebb led Auburn's ground game and was instrumental in the third-quarter comeback.

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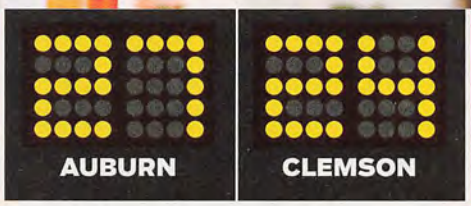
Game #3 | September 18, 2010

Auburn vs. Clemson



Auburn comes from behind to win battle of the Tigers in OT

Wes Byrum made a 39-yard field goal to put the Auburn ahead and Chandler Catanzaro missed a 32-yard attempt to give No. 16 Auburn a 27-24 overtime victory at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Cameron Newton threw for 203 yards and two touchdowns for Auburn (3-0). Onterio McCalebb rushed for 81 yards and a score on 10 carries while Darvin Adams and Terrell Zachery registered a TD catch.

Kyle Parker completed 21-of-35 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns for Clemson (2-1).

"First of all, I would like to congratulate Auburn," said Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney. "I give them a lot of credit for hanging in there. They fought back when they had their backs against the wall in overtime. It was a good football game and a good one to watch. I am disappointed that we did not win. I think we have a chance to be a good football team. I think we have the ingredients and I thought that coming in."

Jamie Harper added a pair of TD receptions and Andre Ellington had 140 yards and one touchdown on 22 carries in the setback.

"That was a very exciting game to say the least," said Auburn head coach Gene Chizik. "I told our team that was a God thing. They kept their faith the whole game, and it was one of those games where they just kept fighting."

It was all Clemson early on as Harper hauled in an 8-yard pass from Parker for the lone score of the first quarter. The visiting Tigers went up 17-0 after a Catanzaro 42-yard boot and a 24-yard connection from Parker to Harper.

Auburn finally got on the board on the final play of the first half as Byrum was good from 35 yards out.

The Tigers seized momentum in the third quarter, tallying 21 points to take the lead.

McCalebb rumbled in from 12 yards out, Adams caught an 8-yard TD pass, and Zachery raced 78 yards to the end zone off a Newton offering and Auburn led 24-17 after three quarters.

Ellington's 2-yard march to the end zone early in the fourth quarter knotted the game, setting the stage for overtime.

	1	2	3	4	OT	T
Clemson	7	10	0	7	0	24
Auburn	0	3	21	0	3	27

TOTAL YARDS

Clemson	414
Auburn	424

PASSING YARDS

Clemson	227
Auburn	203

RUSHING YARDS

Clemson	187
Auburn	221

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	7/14	203	14.5	2	2
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
O. McCalebb	10	81	8.1	1	17
M. Dyer	16	69	4.3	0	23
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Adams	5	118	23.6	1	35
T. Zachery	1	78	78.0	1	78

Game #4 | September 25, 2010

Auburn vs. South Carolina

AUBURN	S. CAROLINA
35	27

Cameron Newton threw two fourth-quarter touchdowns and ran for three scores as No. 17 Auburn finished strong to upend 12th-ranked South Carolina, 35-27, in a key early-season SEC clash at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Newton took advantage of two costly fumbles by Gamecock quarterback Stephen Garcia to hit Philip Lutzenkirchen for the go-ahead score and Emory Blake with under 6½ minutes remaining to forge an eight-point lead.

The junior dual threat rushed for 176 yards on 25 carries and completed 16-of-21 passes for 158 yards for the Tigers (4-0, 2-0 SEC).

Michael Dyer gashed South Carolina's top-ranked league rushing defense for 100 yards to further bolster the Tigers' No. 1–ranked SEC rushing offense.

Of the Tigers' 492 yards of offense, 334 came on the ground.

Auburn's defense came away with four turnovers, two in the fourth quarter on interceptions of backup QB Connor Shaw with the Gamecocks driving in hopes of landing a game-tying touchdown and two-point conversion.

"That is a great SEC win against a really, really good football team.

"That is a great SEC win against a really, really good football team. Again, coming down from [13] points ... two weeks in a row."

— Gene Chizik

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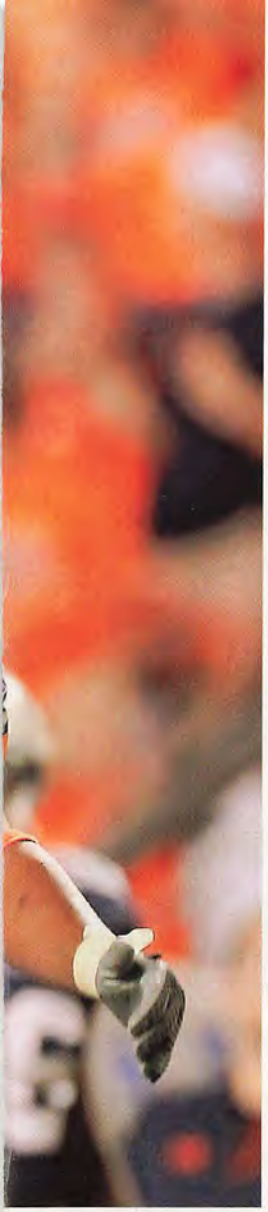


GETTING DEFENSIVE: Auburn's defense intercepted South Carolina QB Connor Shaw twice in the fourth quarter.

Again, coming down from [13] points at one point two weeks in a row against two really, really good football teams," said Auburn head coach Gene Chizik of rallying for wins two weeks in a row against league foes.

South Carolina led 20-14 at halftime and 27-21 after three quarters. Momentum was seemingly on the visitors' side after Auburn was unable to procure points at the end of a promising 16-play, 73-yard drive as Wes Byrum's 23-yard field goal attempt sailed wide right on the first play of the fourth quarter.

But Garcia ran it up the middle on the initial play of the ensuing possession and was stripped of the football. Auburn recovered at the USC 26-yard line and went ahead, 28-27, on Newton's third-down pass to Lutzenkirchen from seven yards out.

The ball was back in Garcia's hands with 13 1/2 minutes left to play, but on 3rd-and-8, the Tigers' defense had him wrapped up in the backfield for a loss. Instead of going to the ground, Garcia struggled to make something happen and fumbled near midfield.

The turnover sent Auburn on an efficient 53-yard drive that took nine plays. It featured just one third down, converted on an eight-yard rush by Onterio McCalebb, to set up a fresh set of downs from the Gamecock 14. Two plays later, Newton gave the hosts a 35-27 lead with a 12-yard strike to Blake.

"We had our chances," said South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier. "We had a hard time stopping their quarterback from running and we could not run well—their defensive line got the best of us."

Defense forces four turnovers in last-minute win against South Carolina

	1	2	3	4	T
S. Carolina	14	6	7	0	27
Auburn	7	7	7	14	35

TOTAL YARDS

S. Carolina 384
Auburn 492

PASSING YARDS

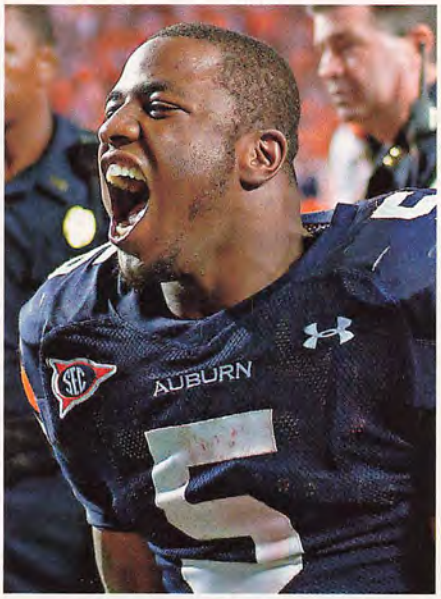
S. Carolina 305
Auburn 158

RUSHING YARDS

S. Carolina 79
Auburn 334

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	16/21	158	7.5	2	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	25	176	7.0	3	54
M. Dyer	23	100	4.3	0	10
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
T. Zachery	4	49	12.3	0	20
D. Adams	4	45	11.3	0	18



Player of the game

Michael Dyer, RB
Although he didn't score a touchdown, Dyer rushed for 100 yards on 23 carries and was a key element in opening up the South Carolina defense.

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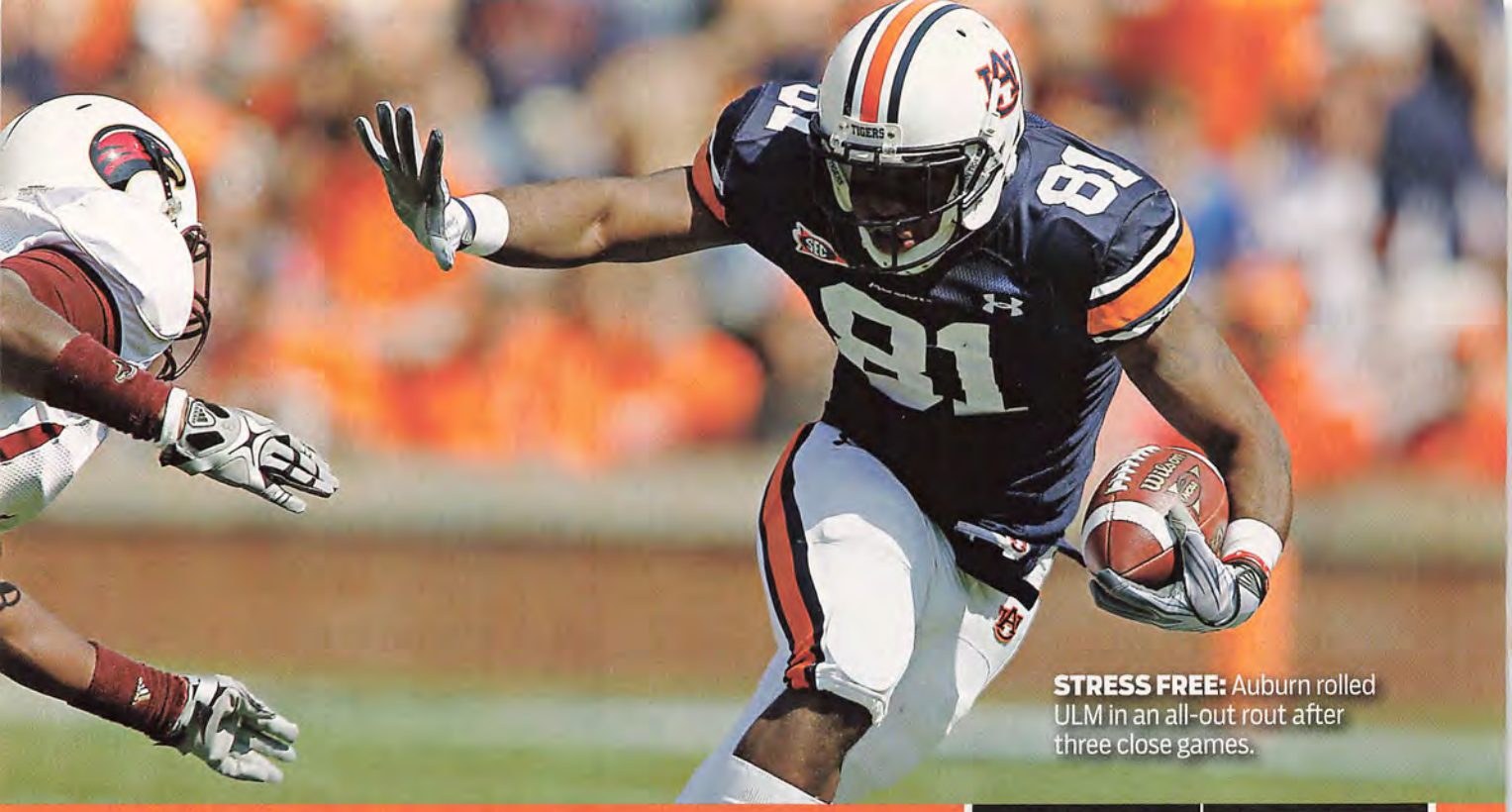
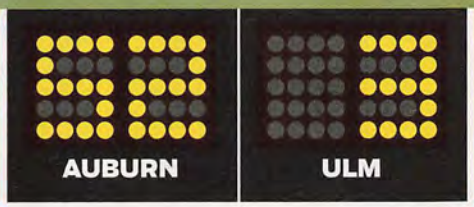


STRESS FREE: Auburn rolled ULM in an all-out rout after three close games.

John Reed/US Presswire

Game #5 | October 2, 2010

Auburn vs. Louisiana-Monroe



Cam Newton threw for three touchdowns as 10th-ranked Auburn pounded Louisiana-Monroe, 52-3, at Jordan-Hare Stadium.

Marion Fannin rushed for 89 yards and a score for the Tigers (5-0), who have won all eight meetings with ULM. Newton completed 14-of-19 passes for 245 yards and was picked off once as the Tigers rolled up 505 yards of offense.

"It is good to have a game like this under your belt where you can have some confidence," Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. "You had some experience with some of your twos and threes in there. We are just still not a deep team. Those young guys can't get enough reps. It is obviously good to always have an opportunity to get guys into the game."

Kolton Browning finished 25-of-33 for 203 yards for the Warhawks (1-3), who were coming off a one-point win over Southeastern Louisiana.

"We knew we were not going to be able to push their defensive front so I put a lot of emphasis on our passing game this week in practice," ULM coach Todd Berry said. "We have a young quarterback that continues to mature. Most of the time we tried to get the ball out of our hands quickly in order to make sure that the defensive line was negated. This worked at times and sometimes it did not."

On the second play from scrimmage, Onterio McCalebb surged on a right run and rumbled 50 yards to the end zone for a 7-0 Auburn lead.

After forcing ULM to punt on its opening possession, it took the Tigers just two more plays to extend their lead. Newton found a wide-open Emory Blake over the middle and the sophomore wide receiver went 94 yards for a 14-0 edge. It was the longest play from scrimmage in Auburn history.

Early in the second, ULM tried a fourth-down pass from the Auburn 23, but Zac Etheridge came up with the interception. Auburn started the ensuing possession at its 34 and it took nine plays for the Tigers to reach the end zone. Michael Dyer ran 3 yards for a score to increase the lead to 21 points with under seven minutes left in the half.

Newton, Blake combine for longest TD in school history

	1	2	3	4	T
ULM	3	0	0	0	3
Auburn	17	14	7	14	52

TOTAL YARDS

ULM 270
Auburn 505

PASSING YARDS

ULM 232
Auburn 272

RUSHING YARDS

ULM 38
Auburn 233

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	14/19	245	12.9	3	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
M. Fannin	10	89	8.9	1	25
O. McCalebb	4	56	14.0	1	50
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
E. Blake	2	101	50.5	1	94
T. Zachery	4	50	12.5	0	16

DOWN TO THE WIRE: Underdog Kentucky gave Auburn a run for its money in the hard-fought road win.

Andy Lyons/Getty Images

Game #6 | October 9, 2010

Auburn at Kentucky

AUBURN	KENTUCKY
37	34

Wes Byrum's 24-yard field goal as time expired gave eighth-ranked Auburn a 37-34 win over Kentucky in an SEC battle at Commonwealth Stadium.

Auburn started the winning drive at its own seven-yard line following a Kentucky field goal that tied the game with 7½ minutes left.

Facing a third-and-6 on its first set of downs, Auburn moved the chains on a 9-yard catch from Darvin Adams. The team continued to gain first downs and eat up the clock. Cameron Newton gained a first down with four yards on a third-and-4, and later moved the chains again with a four-yard run on third-and-2. After Auburn called timeout with two seconds left and the ball at the Kentucky seven, Byrum easily booted the ball between the uprights for the win.

"Obviously it's hard to win on the road in this league, and this was a battle," Auburn coach Gene Chizik said. "We said at halftime this was going to come down to the end. We're finding different ways to win every week and I can't be more proud of our football team."

Newton had 28 carries for 198 yards and four scores and went 13-for-21 for 210 yards and an interception for the Tigers, who have won four of their games by a total of 17 points.

Auburn had a comfortable lead at the half but the Wildcats scored twice in the third quarter to tie the game.

On their second touch of the half, Kentucky took the ball 48 yards in seven plays with Mike Hartline tossing a 16-yard score to Cobb to make it a 31-24 contest with a bit over eight minutes left in the frame.

Auburn was held to a three-and-out on its next touch and Kentucky got the ball back at its own 43. On a 2nd-and-6 at the Auburn 27, Cobb took the ball 26 yards and on the next play punched it into the end zone to tie the game with just over four minutes to play in the quarter.

Auburn went back on top on its next touch as Byrum booted a 19-yard field goal early in the fourth, but Kentucky responded in kind with a 35-yarder from McIntosh with 7½ minutes left.

Clutch Newton sets up game-winning field goal

	1	2	3	4	T
Auburn	14	17	0	6	37
Kentucky	7	10	14	3	34

TOTAL YARDS

Auburn	521
Kentucky	336

PASSING YARDS

Auburn	210
Kentucky	226

RUSHING YARDS

Auburn	311
Kentucky	110

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	13/21	210	10.0	0	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	28	198	7.1	4	35
M. Dyer	9	56	6.2	0	27
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Adams	5	101	20.2	0	39
T. Zachery	3	34	11.3	0	17

Game #7 | October 16, 2010

Auburn vs. Arkansas

Cam Newton ran for three touchdowns and added another score through the air as seventh-ranked Auburn outslugged No. 12 Arkansas, 65-43, in a wild SEC showdown.

Newton gained 188 yards on the ground and finished with 140 yards on 10-of-14 passing for the Tigers (7-0, 4-0 SEC). Mario Fannin, Onterio McCalebb, and Michael Dyer each ran for a touchdown in the win.

"I just feel really blessed to be around such an unbelievable group of young men, and this football team amazes me in different ways every week," said Auburn head coach Gene Chizik. "That was an extremely good football team tonight, and I guess it was another way that we found how to win a game."

Tyler Wilson completed 25-of-34 passes for 332 yards with four touchdowns and was picked off twice in relief of Arkansas quarterback Ryan Mallett, who went to the locker room after guiding the Razorbacks to a touchdown in the second quarter for a 14-10 lead. He was later diagnosed with a concussion.

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Paul Abell/US Presswire

OFFENSIVE SLUGFEST: The two teams combined on a record for points in an SEC game that didn't go into overtime.

Mallett was 10-of-15 for 96 yards, while Greg Childs had 164 yards and two scores on nine receptions for Arkansas (4-2, 1-2), which has dropped two of three.

Auburn and Arkansas entered play boasting the top two offenses in the conference. The teams combined for 1,036 yards, with the Razorbacks piling up 566.

Wes Byrum booted a 26-yard field goal as the first half expired, then drilled a 28-yarder to cap the opening drive of the third quarter to give Auburn a 30-21 lead.

Wilson then orchestrated a nine-play, 87-yard drive. A roughing the passer penalty on third down prolonged the march, and the sophomore signal-caller converted a critical fourth down with a 6-yard completion to D.J. Williams at the Auburn 37. Wilson then threw a touchdown pass to Ronnie Wingo Jr. on the next play to draw Arkansas within two.

In the fourth quarter, Auburn pulled away with 28 unanswered points, capitalizing on a trio of costly turnovers. Emory Blake grabbed a 15-yard TD, Zac Etheridge returned a Broderick Green fumble 47 yards to the end zone, and the Tigers converted a pair of Wilson interceptions into scoring runs of 3 and 38 yards by Newton and Dyer for a 65-43 advantage.

"It was a tough game for us," said Arkansas head coach Bobby Petrino. "You have to tip your hat off to Auburn ...We matched them for three quarers, and I was really happy with the way our guys rallied around Tyler Wilson. Obviously turnovers affected us in the fourth quarter, and it was the difference in the game."

Auburn pulls away in fourth quarter, prevails in record-breaking shootout

	1	2	3	4	T
Arkansas	7	14	14	8	43
Auburn	7	20	10	28	65

TOTAL YARDS

Arkansas 566
Auburn 470

PASSING YARDS

Arkansas 428
Auburn 140

RUSHING YARDS

Arkansas 138
Auburn 330

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	10/1	140	10.0	1	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	25	188	7.5	3	40
M. Fannin	14	60	4.3	1	13
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
M. Fannin	3	36	12.0	0	28
D. Adams	2	34	17.0	0	22

Player of the game

Josh Bynes, LB

Bynes picked off Tyler Wilson on back-to-back drives in the fourth quarter. The stops proved just enough to stall the Razorback offense and secure the win.

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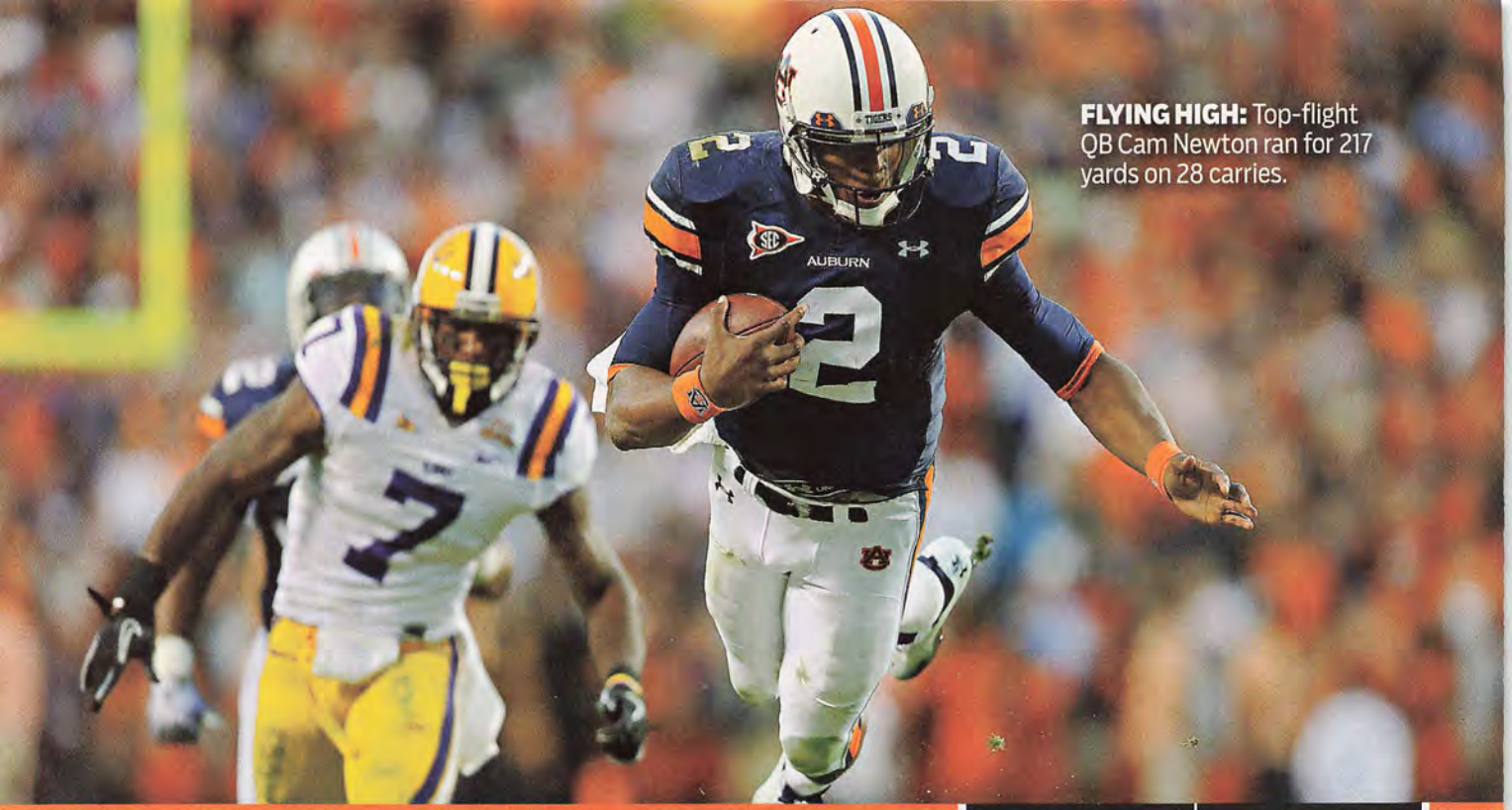

FLYING HIGH: Top-flight QB Cam Newton ran for 217 yards on 28 carries.

Game #8 | October 23, 2010

Auburn vs. LSU

Onterio McCalebb's 70-yard touchdown run with 5:05 remaining in the game turned out to be the difference in fifth-ranked Auburn's 24-17 win over sixth-ranked LSU.

Cam Newton ran for a career-high 217 yards on 28 carries to become the SEC's single-season rushing leader for quarterbacks as Auburn (8-0, 5-0 SEC) rolled up 440 yards on the ground to start 8-0 for the first time since 2004.

"I don't want to lose sight of the fact that our offensive line has become a really good one," Auburn head coach Gene Chizik said. "From left tackle to right tackle, those guys have played every snap now for eight games. They are beat up. They are tired. They find a way to continue to press on. Everything starts with those guys up front."

Newton also rushed for two touchdowns to set the Auburn single-season record with 27 combined scores running and passing. He connected on 10-of-16 throws for 86 yards for Auburn, which has won 10 of its last 17 games against teams ranked in the top 10.

Jordan Jefferson completed 7-of-14 passes for 46 yards and carried 16 times for 74 yards and a score for LSU (7-1, 4-1), which missed an opportunity to start 5-0 in conference play for the first time since 1973.

The winner of this game has gone on to claim the SEC West Division title in six of the last 10 seasons.

The dramatic final score came three plays after an LSU punt. McCalebb took a handoff running left and burst through a crease at his own 40-yard line and went untouched the remaining 60 yards down the left sideline to snap a 17-17 tie.

On the ensuing possession, LSU called timeout facing a fourth-and-6 at its own 30-yard line. The Tigers had only 10 men on the field when they lined up and after some confusion, got the ball snapped with the full complement of 11. But, quarterback Jarrett Lee was forced to scramble out of the pocket and was stopped well short of the first down.

Auburn took over and was able to run out the clock after Newton ran for two first downs, including an 11-yard gallop on third-and-6 from the LSU 17.

Newton becomes SEC's QB single-season rushing leader

	1	2	3	4	T
LSU	3	7	0	7	17
Auburn	7	3	7	7	24

TOTAL YARDS

LSU	243
Auburn	526

PASSING YARDS

LSU	128
Auburn	86

RUSHING YARDS

LSU	115
Auburn	440

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	10/16	86	5.4	0	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	28	217	7.8	2	49
M. Dyer	15	100	6.7	0	29
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Adams	3	33	11.0	0	17
T. Zachery	3	27	9.0	0	10

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UNSTOPPABLE: Terrell Zachery caught a 10-yard pass late in the game to give Auburn a 27-point lead.

Don McPeak/US Presswire

Game #9 | October 30, 2010

Auburn at Mississippi

Cam Newton provided several more highlights for the Heisman Trophy voters, passing for two touchdowns while catching a touchdown pass in third-ranked Auburn's 51-31 rout of Ole Miss at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium.

Newton completed 18-of-24 passes for 209 yards and was not intercepted, and he also made an acrobatic catch over a Rebel cornerback for the team's first touchdown, as the Tigers (9-0, 6-0 SEC) made a statement in their first game as the BCS' top team. Newton added 45 rushing yards on 11 carries in the win.

Michael Dyer ran for 180 yards and a score on 21 carries, while Onterio McCalebb carried the ball nine times for 99 yards and a touchdown. Darvin Adams hauled in a touchdown pass in a six-reception, 75-yard effort.

"It was a great win for us. I can't say enough about our football team week in and week out trying to find ways to win," Auburn head coach Gene Chizik said. "I really felt like our team stepped up to the plate. This is a very tough place to play against a very good team. It was a great road win for our football team. I couldn't be more proud of our coaches and the plans that they're putting together for our team every week."

Jeremiah Masoli threw for 189 yards with a touchdown and an interception on 20-of-33 efficiency for Ole Miss (3-5, 1-4), which has lost three straight—all to ranked opponents.

With just over a minute to go in the second half, Ole Miss went for it on fourth-and-1 from its own 41 and was unsuccessful. The failed possession led to Byrum's 35-yard field goal with six seconds to go for a 34-17 halftime margin.

Auburn built on its lead in the third with Byrum's 48-yard field goal and Dyer's 30-yard rushing touchdown.

Mississippi made it a 44-24 game early in the fourth on Brandon Bolden's 20-yard rushing touchdown, but Auburn restored its 27-point lead late on Newton's 10-yard scoring toss to Terrell Zachery.

RBs Dyer, McCalebb have breakout games in rout of Ole Miss

	1	2	3	4	T
Auburn	14	20	10	7	51
Mississippi	14	3	0	14	31

TOTAL YARDS

Auburn	407
Mississippi	572

PASSING YARDS

Auburn	189
Mississippi	229

RUSHING YARDS

Auburn	218
Mississippi	343

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	18/24	209	8.7	2	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
M. Dyer	21	180	8.6	1	30
O. McCalebb	9	99	11.0	1	68
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Adams	6	75	12.5	1	24
E. Blake	5	60	12.0	0	26

EARLY PRESSURE: WR Darvin Adams scored a TD 30 seconds into the game.

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Game #10 | November 6, 2010

Auburn vs. Chattanooga

Cam Newton's four first-quarter touchdowns helped third-ranked Auburn trample Chattanooga.

Newton ended the game with 317 passing yards and four touchdowns, while rushing for 24 yards and a score for the Tigers (10-0), who took a break from the rigors of the SEC.

Newton's outstanding performance came in the wake of eligibility allegations that spawned earlier this week. The quarterback connected with four different receivers, including Terrell Zachery seven times for 148 yards and one touchdown.

"I think he (Newton) had another great game," said Auburn head coach Gene Chizik. "He threw for over 300 yards (317). He was responsible for four touchdowns. He was just very Cameron-like, if you will. He performed very well. I was very proud of him."

Chattanooga (5-4) got on the scoreboard on a 98-yard kickoff return by Brian Sutherland after Auburn went up 34-0 on a Newton 80-yard pass to Zachery.

"It was a great feeling, actually, to take one back this season," Sutherland said. "Whether it's against Auburn or any team in our conference, it is a cool thing to be able to do."

B.J. Coleman had a solid game as the Mocs' signal-caller, completing 20-of-39 passes for 210 yards and a touchdown.

Auburn struck 30 seconds into the game when Newton found wide receiver Darvin Adams for a 30-yard touchdown toss. The Tigers kept pressuring early, as Newton connected on a 20-yard TD pass to Emory Blake with 9:33 left in the opening quarter. Newton also added a 1-yard touchdown run less than five minutes later.

The Tigers scored on every possession of the first quarter to take a 27-0 lead on another Adams 39-yard score from Newton. They put up 21 points in the second quarter to take a 48-14 lead into halftime.

Auburn scored three touchdowns in the second quarter on Zachery's 80-yard reception, a 49-yard run by Onterio McCalebb, and a Michael Dyer 37-yard run. The Tigers finished with 628 total offensive yards.

Off-field controversy doesn't slow Newton, Auburn

	1	2	3	4	T
Chattanooga	**0**	**14**	**7**	**3**	**24**
Auburn	**27**	**21**	**7**	**7**	**62**

TOTAL YARDS

Chattanooga 334
Auburn 628

PASSING YARDS

Chattanooga 233
Auburn 325

RUSHING YARDS

Chattanooga 101
Auburn 303

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	15/21	317	15.1	4	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
M. Fannin	8	96	12.0	2	42
M. Dyer	4	76	19.0	1	37
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
T. Zachery	7	148	21.1	1	80
D. Adams	4	106	26.5	2	39

COMEBACK KIDS: Auburn overcame an early two-TD deficit to win by nearly 20 points.

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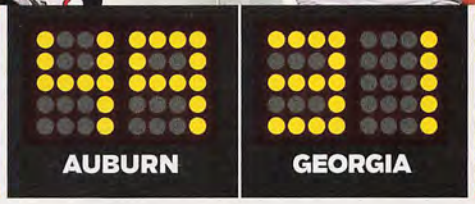
Game #11 | November 13, 2010

Auburn vs. Georgia



Cam Newton shook off questions about his eligibility and accounted for four touchdowns to keep No. 2 Auburn firmly in the national title race with a 49-31 victory over Georgia at Jordan-Hare Stadium, a win that secured the Tigers a place in the SEC Championship Game.

Reports surfaced in regards to Newton's suspect recruitment out of junior college, but Auburn nonetheless stuck by its Heisman Trophy candidate amid the controversy.

The imposing 6-foot-6, 250-pound quarterback responded with 151 yards and two touchdowns on the ground while shaking off an early interception and compiling 148 yards and two scores on 12-of-15 throws.

Newton started the game on a high note with a 31-yard touchdown run 2:24 in.

Aaron Murray threw for 273 yards and three touchdowns—two to A.J. Green—on 15-of-28 passes for the Bulldogs, who won four of five coming into the game. Green finished with 164 yards on nine catches.

"I made some big plays, but it wasn't enough," Green said. "They're a great team with a great defense, and they were the better team today."

Auburn, which is also No. 2 in the BCS standings, came out at halftime with the game tied, 21-21, and surprised Georgia with an onside kick.

Wes Byrum topped the ball with a deft touch and recovered it himself after it bounced the necessary 10 yards. After a pair of third-down conversions, McCalebb barreled in from 2 yards out 4:12 into the third quarter.

"I couldn't be happier for our fans. Just the Auburn family and I am just excited for everybody," Auburn head coach Gene Chizik said. "I am very proud of (Newton) and his performance, and I am very proud of our whole football team starting with our seniors, who have done a great job getting us to this point this year."

Auburn chewed up the first seven minutes of the fourth-quarter on a run-heavy, touchdown-scoring trek that lasted 13 plays and went 79 yards, highlighted by Newton's 15-yard scramble on 3rd- and-11 to get down to the Georgia 13-yard line.

It's official: Auburn secures spot in SEC Championship Game

	1	2	3	4	T
Georgia	**21**	**0**	**10**	**0**	**31**
Auburn	**7**	**14**	**14**	**14**	**49**

TOTAL YARDS

Georgia 354
Auburn 463

PASSING YARDS

Georgia 273
Auburn 148

RUSHING YARDS

Georgia 81
Auburn 315

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	12/15	148	9.9	2	1
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	30	151	5.0	2	31
O. McCalebb	12	71	5.9	3	48
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
E. Blake	3	64	21.3	0	26
P. Lutzenkirchen	2	31	15.5	2	18

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Game #12 | November 26, 2010

Auburn at Alabama

IRON BOWL WIN: The Tigers fell behind 24-0 to Alabama but rallied with three second-half touchdowns, the last a TD pass to Philip Lutzenkirchen (left).

Cam Newton and the second-ranked Auburn Tigers have been undeterred by double-digit deficits all season.

In the biggest game of what has been a magical season, the Tigers faced their biggest deficit yet: 24 points. So how did they respond? For the fourth time in as many attempts, Newton and his team were able to erase what seemed like an impossible hole—this time in the most hostile territory known to the school.

Newton, who continued to shake off the financial distractions surrounding him, threw for 216 yards and three touchdowns and added one score on the ground, and the Tigers surged back in the second half for an improbable 28-27 victory over ninth-ranked Alabama in the 75th Iron Bowl at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

A national championship is now within reach for Auburn (12-0, 8-0 SEC) for the first time since 1957 after the program finished off its first perfect regular season since 2004.

That year, the Tigers were excluded from the national championship game after USC and Oklahoma both finished unbeaten. This season, the Tigers will likely advance to the title contest if they get past South Carolina in next week's SEC Championship Game.

"I couldn't be more proud of our football team," said Auburn head coach Gene Chizik. "That was a game that will certainly go down in history. It's hard to come back when you're down, 24-0. It was something that we had done before in terms of having to overcome a lot of adversity."

Auburn was able to surge back with the help of a defense that hasn't been heralded for much of the year. After surrendering 379 yards to the Crimson Tide offense in the first half, the Tigers held Alabama to 67 yards in the final 30 minutes of play.

"Our defense did a great job of holding them to three points in the second half, and that was off a turnover off a bobbled punt," Chizik added. "I couldn't be more proud of our defense. Obviously, it was ugly in the first half. I think everybody saw that, but they responded really well."

Greg McElroy threw for a career-high 377 yards and two touchdowns for Alabama (9-3, 5-3), which had won 20 straight games at home prior to Saturday, tied for the second-longest streak in school history. McElroy was knocked out of the game on the penultimate drive of the game when he was driven into the ground on his right shoulder during a sack. He suffered a concussion on the play.

"I couldn't be more proud of our football team. That was a game that will certainly go down in history." — Gene Chizik

Despite huge early deficit, Auburn keeps rolling with Iron Bowl win

	1	2	3	4	T
Auburn	0	7	14	7	28
Alabama	21	3	3	0	27

TOTAL YARDS

Auburn 324
Alabama 446

PASSING YARDS

Auburn 216
Alabama 69

RUSHING YARDS

Auburn 108
Alabama 377

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	13/20	216	10.8	3	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
O. McCalebb	8	50	6.3	0	20
C. Newton	22	39	1.8	1	12
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
T. Zachery	2	79	39.5	1	70
E. Blake	3	39	13.0	1	36

Player of the game

Cameron Newton, QB
Is there any doubt? Newton led the Tigers' historic rally with four touchdowns, including the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter.

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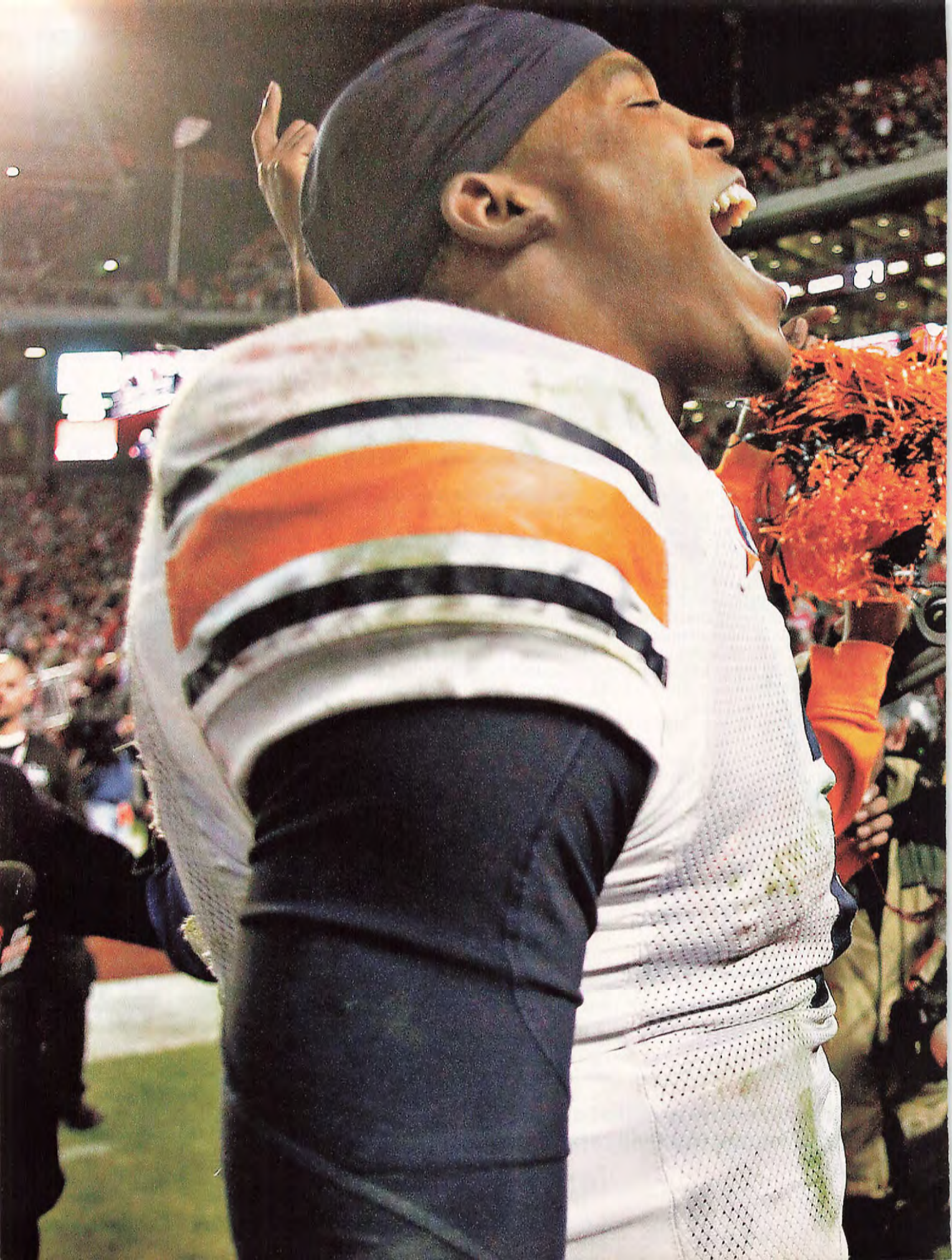

IRON QB: Cameron Newton celebrates after Auburn defeated Alabama in dramatic fashion.
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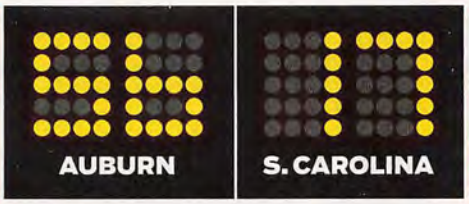
Game #13 | December 4, 2010

Auburn vs. South Carolina



TWICE IS NICE: Darvin Adams(right) caught two of Cam Newton's four touchdown passes, including a 51-yarder with only seconds remaining in the first half.

Auburn didn't need a comeback in the SEC Championship Game, convincingly rolling over South Carolina, 56-17, to all but guarantee a shot at the national title.

Cam Newton was once again the catalyst behind the blowout, throwing for four touchdowns and running in two more to solidify his Heisman trophy campaign.

Newton, ruled eligible earlier this week despite the NCAA finding his father at fault for rules violations during his recruitment, connected on 17-of-28 passes for a career-high 335 yards while adding 73 yards on the ground, carrying No. 2 Auburn (13-0) to its seventh SEC title.

Darvin Adams was Newton's favorite target, catching seven passes for 217 yards and two scores, including a fortunate 51-yard grab on a Hail Mary heave that gave the Tigers a 28-14 halftime lead.

"Our football team is probably one of the most resilient groups I've seen in 25 years of doing this," said Gene Chizik, who in his second year at the helm can lead Auburn to its first national title since 1957. "Everything they got tonight they deserved. They worked extremely hard the last few months to be able to get to this point."

Waiting for the Tigers in the BCS title game in Glendale, Arizona on January 10 is top-ranked Oregon, which wrapped up its undefeated regular season with a 37-20 win over Oregon State earlier in the day. The Ducks were narrowly behind Auburn in the latest BCS standings, while fellow unbeaten TCU was a distant third.

Coming into the game, Auburn had trailed in eight of its 12 victories and rallied from double-digit deficits four times, including a 28-27 triumph over arch-rival Alabama last week after being down 24-7 at the break.

It got close Saturday after South Carolina put together a successful two- minute drill to pull within 21-14 late in the first half. On the ninth play of the 80-yard trek, Alshon Jeffery got inside his defender on a slant and brought in a one-yard strike with 16 seconds left before the intermission.

The momentum was short-lived thanks to a miraculous ending to the half. Auburn returned the squib kick to its 41-yard line, and an eight-yard completion allowed time for one last play.

Newton got a running start behind his launch, which reached roughly two yards beyond the goal line. Amidst a slew of bodies, South Carolina safety DeVonte Holloman tipped the ball toward the back of the end zone, and Adams jumped over a defender and wrestled the ball away, suddenly giving Auburn a 28-14 lead.

Lanning scored South Carolina's only points of the second half on a 33-yard field goal.

The Tiger players fittingly lifted Newton on their shoulders prior to him receiving the player of the game award. "I want to thank God for blessing me, my family, this team and this coaching staff," Newton said.

Tigers win SEC with dominating effort against Gamecocks

	1	2	3	4	T
Auburn	21	7	14	14	56
S. Carolina	7	7	0	3	17

TOTAL YARDS

Auburn	589
S. Carolina	349

PASSING YARDS

Auburn	351
S. Carolina	193

RUSHING YARDS

Auburn	238
S. Carolina	156

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Passing	C/Att	Yds	Avg	TD	INT
C. Newton	17-28	335	12.0	4	0
Rushing	**Att**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
C. Newton	14	73	5.2	2	25
M. Dyer	14	64	4.6	0	12
Receiving	**Rec**	**Yds**	**Avg**	**TD**	**Lg**
D. Adams	7	217	31.0	2	62
E. Blake	5	63	12.6	1	39

Player of the game

Cameron Newton, QB

Newton accounted for six total touchdowns, four passing and two rushing, as Auburn dominated South Carolina en route to the BCS title game.

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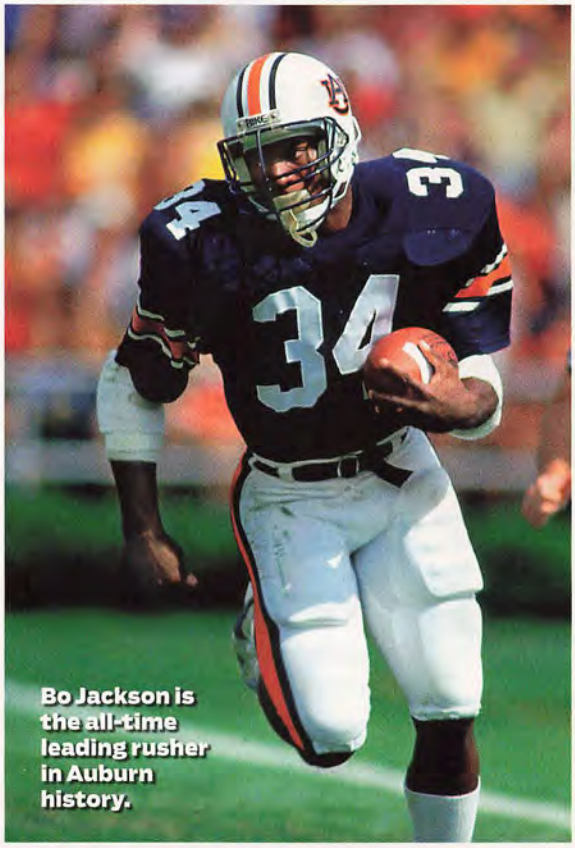

Bo Jackson is the all-time leading rusher in Auburn history.

Auburn played its first football game in 1892 and has since become one of the biggest names in college football. A founding member of the Southeastern Conference, Auburn is an 11-time conference champion (seven in the SEC), owns a 20-13-2 bowl record, and has graduated numerous NFL stars. The Tigers' Heisman legacy dates back to 1895 when John Heisman, for whom the award is named, coached at Auburn for four years. Auburn won the 1957 national championship and has finished near the top numerous times, most recently in 2004, when the Tigers finished the year ranked No. 2.

Auburn coach Ralph Jordan with quarterback Pat Sullivan in 1971.

Receiving yards, career

Player	Year	Rec	Yds	TD
1. Terry Beasley	1969-71	141	**2507**	29
2. Tyrone Goodson	1993-97	136	**2283**	12
3. Karsten Bailey	1995-98	150	**2174**	17
4. Courtney Taylor	2003-06	153	**2098**	9
5. Frank Sanders	1991-94	121	**1998**	15

Rushing yards, career

Player	Year	Car	Yds	TD
1. Bo Jackson	1982-85	650	**4303**	43
2. Carnell Williams	2001-04	741	**3831**	45
3. James Brooks	1977-80	621	**3523**	24
4. Joe Cribbs	1976-79	657	**3368**	34
5. Ben Tate	2006-09	678	**3321**	24

Passing yards, career

Player	Year	Pct.	TD	Yds
1. Stan White	1990-93	53.5	40	**8016**
2. Jason Campbell	2001-04	64.6	45	**7299**
3. Brandon Cox	2004-07	59.3	42	**6959**
4. Pat Sullivan	1969-71	55.2	53	**6284**
5. Dameyune Craig	1994-97	54.6	39	**6026**

Individual Records

Category	Player	#	Year
Most TDs (game)	Carnell Williams	6	2003
Most rushes (game)	Carnell Williams	41	2001
Most rush yards (game)	Curtis Kuykendall	307	1944
Most rushing TDs (game)	Carnell Williams	6	2003
Most receptions (game)	Willie Gosha	17	1995
Most reception yards (game)	Alexander Wright	263	1989
Most reception TDs (game)	Alexander Wright	4	1989
Most passes (game)	Patrick Nix	34	1995
Most passing yards (game)	Ben Leard	416	1999
Most TD passes (game)	Chris Todd	5	2009
	Daniel Cobb		2001
Best completion % (game)	Chris Todd	94.4	2009
Most punt return yards (game)	Mike Fuller	173	1974
Most punt return yards (season)	Thomas Bailey	528	1991
Most kickoff return yards (game)	Demond Washington	202	2009
Most kickoff return yards (season)	Tristan Davis	756	2006
Most interceptions (game)	Junior Rosegreen	4	2004
Most interceptions (season)	Buddy McClinton	9	1969
Most consecutive PATs (season)	Wes Byrum	54	2009
Most field goals (game)	Al Del Greco	6	1982
Most field goals (season)	Scott Etheridge	22	1992
Most field goals (career)	John Vaughn	50	03-06
Most tackles (season)	Freddie Smith	193	1977

Jordan-Hare Stadium

Named for Ralph "Shug" Jordan, Auburn's winningest coach, and Cliff Hare, a member of Auburn's first-ever football team and later a dean of the School of Chemistry, Jordan-Hare Stadium opened in 1939 and is the 12th largest stadium in the NCAA.

Head coaches since 1908

Years	Coach	W-L-T	Win %
1908-22	Mike Donahue	94-26-4	.774
1923-24	Boozer Pitts	7-7-4	.500
1925-27	Dave Morey	10-10-1	.500
1927	Boozer Pitts	0-4-2	.167
1928-29	George Bohler	3-11	.214
1929	John Floyd	0-4	.000
1930-33	Chet Wynne	22-15-2	.590
1934-42	Jack Meagher	48-37-10	.558
1944-47	Carl Voyles	15-22	.405
1948-1950	Earl Brown	3-22-4	.172
1951-75	Ralph "Shug" Jordan	176-83-6	.675
1976-80	Doug Barfield	29-25-1	.536
1981-92	Pat Dye	99-39-4	.711
1993-98	Terry Bowden	47-17-1	.731
1998	Bill Oliver	2-3	.400
1999-08	Tommy Tuberville	85-40	.680
2009-present	Gene Chizik	21–5	.807

Recent bowl history

Year	W-L-T	Bowl
1988	10-2	Sugar Bowl, L 13-7, Florida St.
1989	10-2	Hall of Fame Bowl, W 31-14, Ohio St.
1990	8-3-1	Peach Bowl, W 27-23, Indiana
1995	8-4	Outback Bowl, L 43-14, Penn St.
1996	8-4	Independence Bowl, W 32-29, Army
1997	10-3	Peach Bowl, W 21-17, Clemson
2000	9-4	Florida Citrus Bowl, L 31-28, Michigan
2001	7-5	Peach Bowl, L 16-10, North Carolina
2002	9-4	Capital One Bowl, W 13-9, Penn St.
2003	8-5	Music City Bowl, W 28-14, Wisconsin
2004	13-0	Sugar Bowl, W 16-13, Virginia Tech
2005	9-5	Capital One Bowl, L 24-10, Wisconsin
2006	11-2	Cotton Bowl Classic, W 17-14, Nebraska
2007	9-4	Chick-fil-A Bowl, W 23-20, Clemson
2009	8-5	Outback Bowl, W 38-35, Northwestern
2010	13-0	BCS Championship vs. Oregon

The evolution of

And you thought the BCS was a mess. In the early days of college football there was no national champion of any sort. Teams played irregular schedules, mainly against regional rivals. In fact, in college football's first decade, the home team was allowed to decide what rules the game would be played under.

A fairly modern form of college football was in place by the 1920s, with the forward pass an accepted part of the game, rules regularized, and each team allowed four downs to advance the ball 10 yards.

▶ **Hunter Carpenter**, a College Hall of Famer, played six seasons of college football: four at Virgina Tech, then one at North Carolina, then another at Virginia Tech. He initially played under an alias because his father had forbidden him to play the sport.

▶ **Glenn Davis** led Army to a 27-0-1 record in three seasons and won the Heisman in 1946. Davis still holds the all-time record for most yards per carry in a season at 11.5.

1918
Knute Rockne becomes the head coach at Notre Dame. He is credited with popularizing the forward pass and causing a rule change that mandated offensive players stay motionless for one second prior to the snap of the ball.

1935
Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago wins the first Heisman trophy.

1936
THE POLL ERA

1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920 1930 1940

1869
In the first recorded college football game, Rutgers beats Princeton 6 goals to 4 goals. Each side fields 25 players at a time; the ball is round.

In the 1880s, Yale's Walter Camp is instrumental in establishing rules that are more similar to today's game, although teams at the time were required to go 5 yards in three downs instead of 10 yards in four downs. The forward pass is not allowed until 1906.

1905
Concerned that the game had become too violent New York University Chancellor Henry M. MacCracken convenes a meeting of 13 institutions to initiate changes in football-playing rules.

At a later meeting, the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States (IAAUS) was created by 62 founding members. The IAAUS would be renamed the NCAA in 1910.

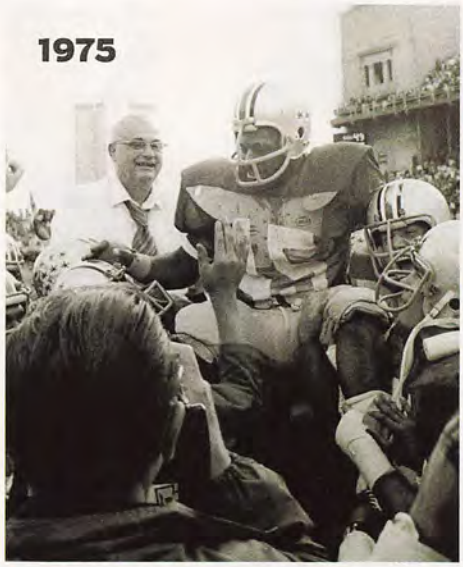
▶ **Jim Thorpe** of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School gained nationwide fame after scoring all of his team's points in an 18-15 upset of Harvard. Thorpe played running back and defensive back and was his team's punter and kicker.

Thorpe would go on to play professional football and baseball and win two Olympic gold medals in track and field.

college football

But the first national champion, as we know it, wasn't crowned until 1936, when the AP poll first came into existence. Minnesota took the first ever AP title.

Many systems exist to determine national champions prior to 1936—some are mathematical, some involve voting, some use a panel of experts. Each system can give different results. For example, five teams, each of which went undefeated, can claim the 1921 national title, based on different selection criteria. (Of these five, only two, California and Cornell, actually claim the title.)



▲ **Archie Griffin** of Ohio State, the only two-time Heisman winner (1974, 1975).

▲ **Doug Flutie** of Boston College threw what might be the most famous pass in college football history, a Hail Mary that beat Miami 47-45 in November of 1984.

1991
The last year without any sort of bowl coalition sees a split championship for the second straight year, with Miami winning the AP poll and Washington winning the Coaches poll. The previous year saw Colorado and Georgia Tech split the title. The clamor for a better system resulted in changes that eventually led to the current BCS system, which attempts to pit No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the final game of the year.

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1998–present
BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

1995–97
BOWL ALLIANCE

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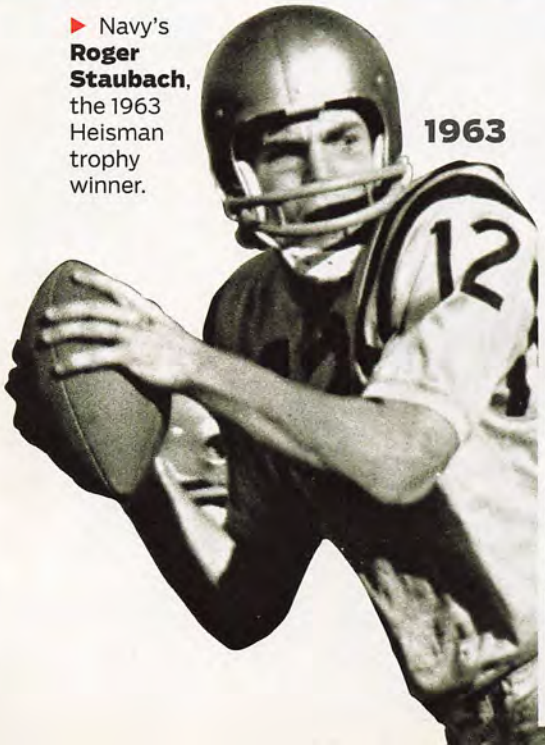
BOWL COALITION

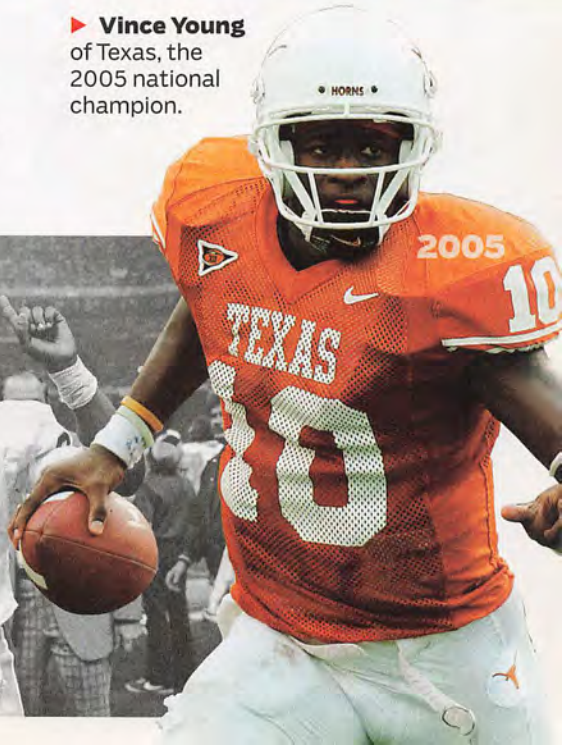
1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

▶ Navy's **Roger Staubach**, the 1963 Heisman trophy winner.



▼ **Tony Dorsett** won the Heisman trophy in 1976, the same year he led Pittsburgh to a national championship. Dorsett held the record for career rushing yards until Ricky Williams of Texas broke the mark in 1998.

▶ **Vince Young** of Texas, the 2005 national champion.



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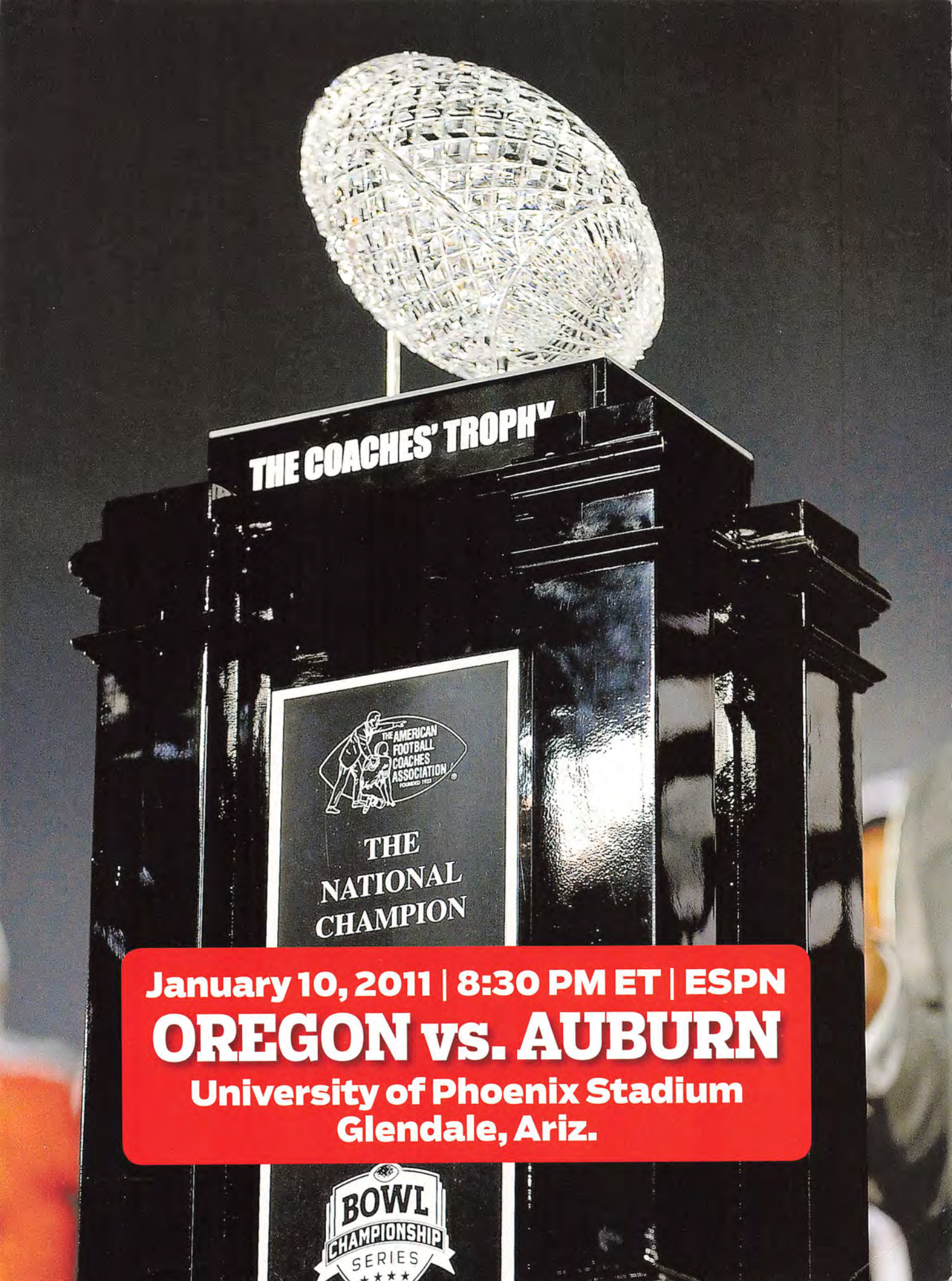

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